

Proceedings
Of The
Grand Lodge
Of
Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons
Of
North Carolina



2002

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Jerry Reginald Tillett
Grand Master 2002

Jerry Reginald Tillett

Jerry Reginald Tillett was born on December 22, 1957, in Elizabeth City, NC to Willett R. Tillett (deceased) and Jeanine D. Tillett. Jerry attended public schools in Manteo. He graduated from Wake Forest University with high honors. He was awarded the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. Jerry's father, Willett Tillett, was active in Masonic work and was serving as senior grand warden at the time of his death. Jerry and his wife of 23 years, the former Tanya Umphlett, have two children, 22-year-old Jeremy and Ara, age 14.

After a brief period of work with a large firm in Winston-Salem, Tillett returned home to become a partner in the firm of Merrell, Tillett and Barnes. He engaged in general practice of law until 1992. He then served as legal counsel and liaison to the NC General Assembly President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight. In 1993 he was appointed special superior court judge. In May 1994 he returned home with an appointment as resident Superior Court judge and was elected resident Superior Court judge in November 1994. He continues to serve the people of our state in that position.

Jerry Tillett is an active member of his community and attends Manteo Baptist Church. He is a member of the American and North Carolina bar associations; has served on numerous committees of the North Carolina Legislature, and chairs or serves on committees of the Conference of Superior Court Judges, and as a member of the College of the Albemarle Board of Trustees and the State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board. Judge Tillett teaches law related courses at the College of the Albemarle, and has served on the Dare County Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Dare County Tourism Board. He is a member of the Lions Club and numerous other organizations.

Tillett was raised a Master Mason on June 28, 1982, in Manteo 521 and served as 521's master in 1989. He is a member of the Sudan Shrine, Dare County Shrine Club, the Knights Court of Honor, and was coronated an Inspector General Honorary 33° of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

He was appointed as junior grand steward in 1995 by then Grand Master Clifton W. Everett Jr. and progressed through the offices until being elected by the Grand Lodge delegates in September 2001.

At his installation, Tillett said, "From the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the world has become aware of our vulnerabilities, the power of unity and resolve, and the need for men of character, dedication, and personal responsibility. Tanya and I are deeply humbled by and greatly appreciative of your presence here today. We ask for your prayers and continual assistance during my term of office. Working together, consistent with our obligations, we can make a difference!"

Past Grand Masters

A list of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
from 1787 to 2000 inclusive, and dates when elected.

Samuel Johnston	1787	Samuel M. Gattis	1908, '09
Richard Caswell	1788	Richard N. Hackett	1910, '11
Samuel Johnston	1789, '90, '91	W. B. McKoy	1912
Wm. R. Davie	1792, '93, '94, '95	F. M. Winchester	1913
	'96, '97, '98	John T. Alderman	1914
William Polk	1799, 1800, '01	F. P. Hobgood Jr.	1915
John L. Taylor	1802, '03, '04	A. B. Andrews Jr.	1916
John Hall	1805, '06, '07	Claude L. Pridgen	1917
Benjamin Smith	1808, '09, '10	George S. Norfleet	1918
Robert Williams	1811, '12, '13	Henry A. Grady	1919
John L. Taylor	1814, '15, '16	James C. Braswell	1920
Calvin Jones	1817, '18, '19	J. Bailey Owen	1921
John A. Cameron	1820, '21	James H. Webb	1922
James S. Smith	1822	Hubert McN. Poteat	1923
Robert Strange	1823, '24	James LeG. Everett	1924
H. G. Burton	1825, '26	Leon Cash	1925
L. D. Wilson	1827, '28, '29	John E. Cameron	1926
R. D. Spaight Jr.	1830, '31	John H. Anderson	1927
S. J. Baker	1832	Raymond C. Dunn	1928
S. F. Patterson	1833, '34	John J. Phoenix	1929
L. H. Marsteller	1835, '36	E. W. Timberlake Jr.	1930
D. W. Stone	1837, '38, '39	J. W. Winborne	1931
S. J. Baker	1840	H. C. Alexander	1932
D. L. Crenshaw	1841	P. T. Wilson	1933
J. H. Wheeler	1842, '43	R. F. Ebbs	1934
P. W. Fanning	1844, '45, '46	Charles B. Newcomb	1935
W. F. Collins	1847, '48, '49	J. Giles Hudson	1936
A. J. Jenkins	1850, '51, '52	Watson N. Sherrod	1937
Clement H. Jordan	1853, '54	Harry T. Patterson	1938
P. A. Holt	1855, '56	J. Edward Allen	1939
Alfred Martin	1857, '58	Thomas J. Harkins	1940
Lewis S. Williams	1859, '60	Charles P. Eldridge	1941
W. G. Hill	1861	James E. Shipman	1942
E. F. Watson	1862, '63	James W. Payne	1943
John McCormick	1864	Julius C. Hobbs	1944
E. G. Reade	1865, '66	Clyde H. Jarrett	1945
R. W. Best	1867	William J. Bundy	1946
Robert B. Vance	1868, '69	Luther T. Hartsell Jr.	1947
Charles C. Clark	1870, '71	Maxwell E. Hoffman	1948
John Nichols	1872, '73	Wilkins P. Horton	1949
George W. Blount	1874, '75	Wallace E. Caldwell	1950
Horace H. Munson	1867, '77	Herbert M. Foy	1951
William R. Cox	1878, '79	William H. White	1952
Henry F. Grainger	1880, '81	Edwin T. Howard	1953
Robert Bingham	1882, '83, '84	Robert L. Pugh	1954
Fabius H. Busbee	1885, '86	Charles H. Pugh	1955
C. H. Robinson	1887, '88	John C. Vance	1956
Samuel H. Smith	1889, '90	Charles A. Harris	1957
Hezekiah A. Gudger	1891, '92	James G. Johnston	1958
John W. Cotten	1893, '94	W. Eli Hand	1959
Frances M. Moye	1895, '96	Harvey W. Smith	1960
Walter E. Moore	1897, '98	James W. Brewer	1961
Richard J. Noble	1899	Charles C. Ricker	1962
B. S. Royster	1900, '01	W. Edward Burrier	1963
H. I. Clark	1902, '03	G. Dudley Humphrey	1964
W. S. Liddell	1904, '05	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	1965
Francis D. Winston	1906, '07	Arnold J. Koonce	1966

Past Grand Masters (Continued)

Alfred A. Kafer Jr.	1967	Norburn C. Hyatt.....	1985
Robert N. Bass Jr.	1968	Walter F. McCall	1986
William A. Hooks	1969	Eddie P. Stiles	1987
Maurice E. Walsh	1970	Lee Roy Thomas Jr.	1988
William W. Mims Jr.	1971	Jerry G. Tart.....	1989
Berl M. Kahn	1972	Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	1990
Nathaniel C. Dean	1973	Lester Poindexter Martin Jr....	1991
William L. Mills Jr.	1974	Ray Norris	1992
S. Frank Noble Jr.	1975	Richard G. Moore	1993
Leslie H. Garner.....	1976	William Bailey Brunk	1994
J. Earl Watson	1977	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	1995
Jacob C. Goodman Jr.	1978	William H. Simpson.....	1996
William B. Bellois	1979	Gerry T. Smith	1997
E. Stansil Aldridge.....	1980	Thomas W. Gregory	1998
Nelson B. Banks.....	1981	Charles M. Ingram.....	1999
A. C. Honeycutt	1982	Charles E. Cathey	2000
Cecil J. Liverman	1983	William G. Mathis	2001
I. Boyd Hopkins	1984		

Officers of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

Through the Annual Communication of 2002

Elected Officers

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203 Oak Hill Drive	(Res.) (252) 482-6150
Edenton, NC 27932	
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Wanchese, NC 27981	
Clarence E. Horton Jr. (695)	Grand Historian
1006 Sprucewood Street	(Res.) (704) 932-8188
Kannapolis, NC 28081	(Bus.) (919) 733-4226
	(Fax.) (919) 733-8003
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119 Sunset Avenue	(Res.) (252) 336-4656
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Past Grand Officers

Sam A. Hennis Jr. (322)	Grand Master 1965
Drawer 711	(Res.) (336) 786-7579
Mount Airy, NC 27030	
S. Frank Noble Jr. (3)	Grand Master 1975
310 Avenue A	(Res.) (252) 637-4345
New Bern, NC 28560	
Leslie H. Garner (708)	Grand Master 1976
1702 Knollwood Drive	(Res.) (252) 756-2300
Greenville, NC 27858	
A. C. Honeycutt (40)	Grand Master 1982
605 New Bern Avenue	(Res.) (919) 876-4545
Raleigh, NC 27601	(Bus.) (919) 833-1696
Norburn C. Hyatt (118)	Grand Master 1985
58 Big Cove Road	(Res.) (828) 667-2255
Candler, NC 28715	
Walter F. McCall (530)	Grand Master 1986
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Charlotte, NC 28266	(Bus.) (704) 399-1506

L. R. Thomas Jr. (724).....	<i>Grand Master 1988</i>
299 Rennys Creek Drive	(Res.) (252) 637-3306
New Bern, NC 28560	
Bunn T. Phillips Jr. (495)	<i>Grand Master 1990</i>
310 Lumyer Road	(Res.) (910) 997-6946
Rockingham, NC 28379	
Lester P. Martin Jr. (134)	<i>Grand Master 1991</i>
PO Box 804	(Res.) (336) 751-2520
Mocksville, NC 27028	
Ray Norris (259)	<i>Grand Master 1992</i>
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Hendersonville, NC 28739	
Richard G. Moore (544)	<i>Grand Master 1993</i>
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Denver, NC 28037	
William B. Brunk (40)	<i>Grand Master 1994</i>
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Raleigh, NC 27615	(Bus.) (919) 676-0541
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Greenville, NC 27835	(Bus.) (252) 695-7262
William H. Simpson (428)	<i>Grand Master 1996</i>
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Gerry T. Smith (741)	<i>Grand Master 1997</i>
1606 River Bluff Road	(Res.) (252) 726-5323
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Thomas W. Gregory (27)	<i>Grand Master 1998</i>
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	(Fax.) (704) 872-1789
Charles M. Ingram (13).....	<i>Grand Master 1999</i>
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	(Fax.) (910) 296-1113
Charles E. Cathey (472)	<i>Grand Master 2000</i>
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Board of General Purposes

Jerry R. Tillett (521), Grand Master
 Charles L. Lewis Jr. (1), Deputy Grand Master
 Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109), Senior Grand Warden
 Graham W. Pervier (707), Junior Grand Warden
 Clifton W. Everett Jr. (708), Grand Treasurer
 T. Walton Clapp III (237), Grand Secretary

2002 – Ray Norris, PGM (259)	2002 – Douglas E. Moore (244)
2003 – Walter F. McCall, PGM (530)	2003 – Charles E. Cathey, PGM (472)
2004 – Jerry T. Dowdy (463)	2004 – Roger Lambertson (53)

Board of Custodians

Jerry R. Tillett (521), Grand Master, Ex-Officio Member
 Joseph L. Robertson (317), Grand Lecturer

2002 – J. Luigi Ammons (97), Secretary	2002 – H. Michael Overcash (259)
2003 – John V. Evans (1)	2003 – Dalton W. Mayo (98), Chairman
2004 – H. Wayne Cox (328)	2004 – Robert D. Street (495)

Board of Trustees of Drewry Memorial

Grand Secretary's Fund

Jerry R. Tillett (521), Grand Master
 Clifton W. Everett Jr. (708), Grand Treasurer
 T. Walton Clapp III (237), Grand Secretary

James G. Lassiter (735)	Cameron E. Shearon (40)
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Board of Directors of The North Carolina

Masonic Foundation, Inc.

2002 – John N. Belk (694)

2003 – James G. Martin (31)	2004 – Charles E. Scott (289), President
2005 – James R. Goodman Jr. (691)	2006 – David B. Wilson (384)

Board of Directors of The Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Inc.

Jerry R. Tillett (521), Grand Master
 Charles L. Lewis Jr. (1), Deputy Grand Master
 Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109), Senior Grand Warden

2002 – Ralph V. Shipton (1)	2002 – W. Frank Wood (314)
2002 – Charles S. Freel (529)	2003 – James B. Sullivan Jr. (1)
2003 – William L. Mills III, PDGM (32)	2003 – Douglas L. Caudle (27)
2004 – Julian M. Pitts (75)	2004 – Moffitt W. Coats Jr. (106)
2004 – Mitchell L. Spruill Jr. (7)	
Graham W. Pervier, (707) JGW, Observer	

**Board of Directors of
The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.**

Jerry R. Tillett (521), Grand Master
Charles L. Lewis Jr. (1), Deputy Grand Master
Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109), Senior Grand Warden
2002 – James M. Galloway Jr. (708) 2002 – Dennis K. Mikeal (262)
2003 – Joseph K. Transou (40) 2003 – E. Earl. Wells (98)
2003 – Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (576) 2003 – Louis R. Ledford (27)
2004 – Larry S. Newell (317) 2004 – Dan C. Rice (409)
2004 – Roger L. Meadows (521)
Graham W. Pervier, (707) JGW, Observer

Board of Publication

2002 – Eddie H. Moody Jr. (711), Chairman
2003 – Benjamin F. Smith Jr. (117) 2004 – Donald E. Bolden (409)
2005 – J. Carroll Simmons (289) 2006 – David E. Webb (724)

**Representative to the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial Association**

L. R. (Pete) Thomas Jr., PGM (724)

**Representative to the Masonic Service
Association of the United States**

L. R. (Pete) Thomas Jr., PGM (724)

Lodge Service Commission

2002 – Randy Flack (491)
2003 – Jerry L. Stapleford (568) 2004 – James F. Parker (170)
2005 – Ronald J. Bowers (99), Chairman 2006 – James M. Long (106)

Code Commission

2002 – Douglas L. Caudle (27)
2003 – Edwin L. Becton (704) 2004 – Gerald W. Ringler (736)
2005 – Geroge F. Jones (395) 2006 – Cecil L. Winslow (106)

Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

2004 – Jerry O. (Neal) Combs (521), Chairman
2002 – M. Gene Lewellyn (129) 2003 – John M. Burchfield (663)

Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges

T. Walton Clapp III (237), Grand Secretary, Chairman

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

Charles A. Lewis Jr. (1), Deputy Grand Master, Ex Officio Member
Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109), Senior Grand Warden, Ex Officio Member
Graham W. Pervier (707), Junior Grand Warden, Ex Officio Member
2002 – Dewey L. Keller (262) 2002 – Gerry T. Smith, PGM (741)
2002 – Thomas W. Gregory, PGM (27) 2002 – William H. Simpson, PGM (428)
2003 – Michael A. Norris (145) 2003 – James A. Weisel (32)
2003 – H. Lloyd Wilkerson (680) 2003 – William B. Brunk (40)
2004 – Lester P. Martin Jr., PGM (134) 2004 – Carlton F. Jackson (7)
2004 – Richard G. Moore, PGM (544) 2004 – Randall E. Holmes (521)

Committee on Finance

- 2004 – Robert E. Gresham Jr. (703), Chairman
 Charles A. Lewis Jr. (1), Deputy Grand Master, Ex Officio Member
 Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109), Senior Grand Warden, Ex Officio Member
 Graham W. Pervier (707), Junior Grand Warden, Ex Officio Member
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| 2002 – R. Glenn Capps (679) | 2002 – G. Glenn Adams (515) |
| 2002 – Eugene R. Vosecky (358) | 2003 – James S. Loftin (40) |
| 2003 – Edward A. Gaskins Jr. (319) | 2003 – Thomas B. Gray Jr. (698) |
| 2004 – David G. Cronk (743) | 2004 – Daniel R. Bishop (708) |

Committee on Appeals

- 2004 – Thomas D. Haigwood (284), Chairman
- | | |
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| 2002 – Ricky T. Matthews (27) | 2003 – Carl James Weisel (32) |
| 2005 – Charles M. Ingram (13) | 2006 – Herbert T. Mullin Jr. (314) |

Committee on Masonic Publications and Miscellaneous Ceremonies

- A. Ed Lawing (217)
- | | |
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| J. Richard Holshouser (363) | Robert M. Dixon (115) |
| James D. Carr (7) | Paul M. Pridgen III (7) |

Committee on Charters and Dispensations

- Ralph Umphlett (521)
- | | |
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| Walker H. Rayburn Jr. (106) | David W. Hoyle (263) |
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Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

- Thomas W. Gregory, PGM (27), Chairman

Committee on Charity

- Julian H. Copeland (317), Chairman

Committee on Credentials

- Norman C. Miller (754), Chairman
- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| George D. Greene (534) | Donald A. Bennett (686) |
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Committee on Necrology

- David R. Grissom (122), Chairman

Committee on Permanent Building

- 2002 – R. Wayne Jackson (656)
- | | |
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| 2003 – Norman W. Karr Jr. (701) | 2004 – E. John Elmore (721) |
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Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Inc.

- W. Berry Rigdon (479), JGD, Chairman
- | | |
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| Bud A. Sowers (7) | Larry G. Ford (576) |
| Everett L. Brothers Jr. (314) | Albert L. Austin (521) |

Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.

- Gene T. Jernigan (206), SGD, Chairman
- | | |
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| Stephen K. Evans (463) | Donald E. Floyd (1) |

Accountant

David E. Scobie (40) CPA

Committee on Unfinished Business

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Grand Master's Committee on Youth Organizations

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Kevin C. Hall (198)

Scott G. Perry (106)

Michael D. Shillings (106)

Allen D. Spain (552)

Committee on Masonic Education

2004 – Daniel P. Weatherington (712), Chairman

2002 – Hugh K. Terrell (472)

2002 – John W. Alden (40)

2002- James M. Earnhardt (543)

2003 – William B. Ball (405)

2003 – James E. Reddish (578)

2003 – A. Gene Cobb Jr. (2)

2004 – Kris B. Hoffler (609)

2004 – George G. Braddy (708)

Committee on Masonic Public Relations

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2003 – Richard A. Klein (261)

2004 – E. John Elmore (721)

2005 – Mitchell S. Setzer (606)

Special Insurance Committee

John O. Coan III (40)

Eugene B. Woodbury (1)

Edward Ray Edwards (675)

Grand Lodge Library Committee

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T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary

Brian D. Edwards (521)

Frank D. Gatten (754)

Richard M. Ripley (701)

District Officers

District Deputy Grand Master	District	District Deputy Grand Lecturer
Donald Dale Kosik (317)	1	Julian Martin Pitts(75)
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Hal Gray Swindell Jr. (294)	3	George Arthur Sullivan (104)
Theodore Campbell Jr. (405)	4	William Noel Thacker (429)
Carl Russell Hunsicker (17)	5	Johnny Love Reynolds Jr. (418)
Benjamin Dixon Forrest III (475)	6	James Preston Wooten (132)
George Eden Herring (725)	7	Tony Randall Hawkins (81)
Gene Worth Todd (689)	8	James Donald Cagle (2)
Donnie Hadley Liles (411)	9	James Daughtry Davis Jr. (525)
Richard Wade Pridgen (112)	10	Donald David Joyner (4)
John Vaiden Matthews Jr. (664)	11	Edward Earl Wells (98)
Evangelos John Fragos (395)	12	Scott Douglas Anderson (727)
George Edwin Summers III (122)	13	John William Hudson (735)
Allan Baker Bonner Jr. (735)	14	Donald Sanford Alderman (735)
William Curtis Hare (231)	15	Walter Ray Highsmith Jr. (198)
John Alan Ferrell (191)	16	Bobby Festus Wellons (617)
Thomas Arnold Pope Jr. (730)	17	Billy Hoston Barefoot (679)
Homer Eugene Burroughs Jr. (563)	18	Robert Glenn Capps (679)
Ronald Maddox Johnson (210)	19	Herbert Currie Lyon (210)
Robert Anthony Smith (143)	20	Donald Alton Bennett (686)
David Eugene Guy (305)	21	Floyd Leroy Trimmer (8)
Walter Frank Reid Jr. (136)	22	Carlis Junior Martin (136)
Carl Ray Hall (76)	23	Edd Ray Little Jr. (542)
Hal Worth Hodgin (699)	24	Arnold Craig Russell (699)
Richard Jackson Smith (493)	25	Dillard Wade Loflen (322)
John Wesley Boner (711)	26	Stewart Carroll Hodges (669)
Jimmy Laird Myers (265)	27	Royal Sanford Jarvis (214)
Robert Dennis Sims (576)	28	James Henry Carmichael (576)
Wayne Ray Rummage (637)	29	James Lee Wentz Sr. (348)
Keith Bradley Rash (299)	30	David Keith Potter (27)
Steven Joseph Guidry (739)	31	Oscar Bass Jr. (738)
Larry Eugene Sizemore (759)	32	Christopher Michael Owsiany (693)
Morgan Lester Bowers (483)	33	Colonel Dwight Blackburn (483)
Agusta Ed Lawing (217)	34	Wendell Morris Powell (670)
Steven Marvin Vincent (757)	35	Kenneth Wayne Hinson (744)
Leonard Luther Lewis (713)	36	William Theodore Cope (713)
David Dennis Greene (554)	37	Thomas Harvey Fleming (401)
Oscar Wilson Harbin Jr. (482)	38	Charles Wayne Maxwell (381)
Johnny David Sutphin (561)	39	John Marvin Burchfield (663)
Kenneth Herman Pressley (386)	40	John William Couch (387)
Joseph Herman Williams (529)	41	Robert Frederick Wolfersteig (301)

First Day Morning Session

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was called to order in its 215th Annual Communication in the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday, September 27, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. by Worshipful Brother Ronald S. Page.

Presentation of Colors

The Tun Tavern Camp Heroes of '76 from Camp Lejeune Chapter 329, National Sojourners, Jacksonville presented the colors.

The district deputy grand masters, the district deputy grand lecturers, distinguished guests, the past grand masters, and the Grand Lodge officers under the escort of the grand marshal were received and conducted to their stations and places. There being a constitutional number of lodges represented, Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett opened the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Recognition of DDGMs and DDGLs

Grand Marshal David R. Cash introduced the district deputy grand masters and the district deputy grand lecturers of North Carolina as a body. The grand master welcomed them and they were accorded private grand honors.

District Deputy Grand Masters Present

1 Donald Dale Kosik	24 Hal Worth Hodgin
2 Randell Eugene Holmes	25 Richard Jackson Smith
4 Theodore Campbell Jr.	26 John Wesley Boner
5 Carl Russell Hunsicker	27 Jimmy Laird Myers
6 Benjamin Dixon Forrest III	28 Robert Dennis Sims
7 George Eden Herring	29 Wayne Ray Rummage
9 Donnie Hadley Liles	30 Keigh Bradley Rush
10 Richard Wayne Pridgen	31 Steven Joseph Guidry
11 John Valden Matthews Jr.	32 Larry Eugene Sizemore
12 Evangelos John Fragos	33 Morgan Lester Bowers
13 George Edwin Summers III	34 Augusta Ed Lawing
18 Homer Eugene Burroughs Jr.	35 Steven Marvin Vincent
19 Ronald Maddox Johnson	36 Leonard Luther Lewis
20 Robert Anthony Smith	37 David Dennis Greene
21 David Eugene Guy	38 Oscar Wilson Harbin Jr.
22 Walter Frank Reid Jr.	40 Kenneth Herman Pressley
23 Carl Ray Hall	41 Joseph Herman Williams

Deputy District Grand Lecturers Present

1	Julian Martin Pitts	20	Donald Alton Bennett
2	Hyler Wayne Cox	21	Floyd Leroy Trimmer
3	George Arthur Sullivan	23	Edd Ray Little Jr.
4	William Noel Thackers	26	Stewart Carroll Hodges
5	Johnny Love Reynolds Jr.	27	Royal Sandord Jarvis
6	James Preston Wooten	30	David Keith Potter
7	Tony Randell Hawkins	31	Christopher Michael Owsiany
9	James Daughtry Davis	32	Oscar Bass Jr.
10	Donald David Joyner	33	Colonel Dwight Blackburn
11	Edward Earl Wells	34	Wendell Morris Powell
12	Scott Douglas Anderson	36	William Theodore Cope
13	John William Hudson	38	Charles Wayne Maxwell
14	Donald Sanford Alderman	40	John William Couch
15	Walter Ray Highsmith Jr.	41	Robert Frederick Wolfersteig

Recognition of Distinguished Guests

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the grand marshal, welcomed by the grand master and accorded private grand honors:

Alabama: Grand Master Roger A. Simmons

California: Senior Grand Warden Howard D. Kirkpatrick

Canada in the Province of Ontario: Grand Master Terence Shand

Delaware: Grand Master James S. Russell Jr.

District of Columbia: Past Grand Secretary John Schleter, PGM

Deputy Grand Master Jules S. Tepper

Grand Master Robert H. Starr

Florida: Grand Representative Floyd Horton

Massachusetts: Grand Secretary Albert T. Ames, PGM

New Jersey: Francis R. Mitchell, PGM

New York: Dir. of Development Ronald P. Kamp

Grand Secretary Gary A. Henningsen, PGM

Grand Master Carl Fitje

Rhode Island: Grand Secretary John M. Faulhauber

Ohio: Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds

Virginia: Grand Senior Warden James M. Searce Jr.

West Virginia: Senior Grand Deacon John R. Hoffman

Grand Master Gary L. Gilkeson

George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

Executive Secretary George D. Seghers

Masonic Service Association: Executive Secretary Richard E. Fletcher, PGM

National Sojourners: President-elect Andrew O. Drenkhahn

Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina:

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter John M. Walston

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in
North Carolina James E. Reddish

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
Dennis L. Cook

Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North
Carolina Robert A. Shafer

Deputy of the Supreme Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction William B. Brunk, PGM

Recognition of Past Grand Masters

The following past grand masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were introduced by the grand marshal, welcomed by the grand master, and accorded private grand honors:

Sam A. Hennis Jr.	1965
S. Frank Noble Jr.	1975
Leslie H. Gamer	1976
A. C. Honeycutt	1982
Norburn C. Hyatt	1985
Walter F. McCall	1986
L. R. Thomas Jr.	1988
Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	1990
Lester P. Martin Jr.	1991
Richard G. Moore	1993
William B. Brunk	1994
Clifton W. Everett Jr.	1995
William H. Simpson	1996
Thomas W. Gregory	1998
William G. Mathis	2001

Grand Lodge Officers Present

Jerry R. Tillet	Grand Master
Charles A. Lewis Jr.	Deputy Grand Master
Leonard Y. Safrir Jr.	Senior Grand Warden
Graham W. Pervier	Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III	Grand Secretary
Gene T. Jernigan	Senior Grand Deacon
W. Berrry Rigron	Junior Grand Deacon
David R. Cash	Grand Marshal
Dan C. Rice	Grand Steward
William L. Dill	Grand Steward
Jerry O'Neal Combs	Grand Tyler
Pal M. Pridgen III	Grand Chaplain
Thomas B. Supplee	Grand Chaplain
Joseph L. Robertson Jr.	Grand Lecturer
I. Beverly Lake Jr.	Grand Orator
Ronnie Stewart	Judge Advocate

Representatives of Lodges Present

† denotes proxy

1 St. John's

M William Bradley Powell
 SW Robert Junius Snipes Jr.
 JW Cleo Haase

2 Royal White Hart

M Gene Cobb†
 SW Gene Cobb†
 JW Gene Cobb†

3 St. John's

M George D. Soltow
 SW Dale D. Soltow
 JW Zack H. Paul Jr.

4 St. John's

M Maurice Ray Hill Jr.
 SW Donald Gary Green
 JW Maurice Ray Hill Jr.†

5 Charity

M Miles Davis Jr.†
 SW Miles Davis Jr.†
 JW Miles Davis Jr.†

7 Unanimity

M Gladston V. McDaniel
 SW Gladston V. McDaniel†
 JW Gladston V. McDaniel†

8 Phoenix

M William Dennis Ivey
 SW William Dennis Ivey
 JW Paul Howard Monroe Jr.

10 Johnston-Caswell

M George A. Fleming†
 SW Horace S. Shearin†
 JW Eddie Q. Clayton

11 Caswell Brotherhood

M George Walter Williamson
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

13 St. John's

M Keith Kennedy
 SW Keith Kennedy†
 JW Ed Cloninger

17 American George

M Joseph Q. Dickerson†
 SW Joseph Q. Dickerson†
 JW Joseph Q. Dickerson†

19 Eagle

M Robert Elwood Sturms
 SW William Robert Patton Jr.
 JW Charles Speed Hallman

27 Statesville

M Raymont Burnette
 SW Joseph P. Link†
 JW Rick Farlee

31 Phalanx

M Paul Wilson Poley†
 SW Christopher Wayne Cox Jr.
 JW Mark Allen Rosen

32 Stokes

M Bobby W. Puckett Jr.
 SW James A. Brickey
 JW James C. Davis

39 Davie

M Thomas E. Brittenham
 SW Anthony R. Bracy†
 JW Wilbert W. Blowe

40 Hiram

M Richard Gordon Burley
 SW Samuel Eugene Lee II
 JW Richard Gordon Burley†

45 Liberty

M Calvin C. Anderson†
 SW Calvin C. Anderson†
 JW Calvin C. Anderson†

53 Hall

M Gerhardt H. Wesner Jr.
 SW Clayton D. Riggs
 JW James T. Wright Jr.

58 Concord

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

59 Perseverance

M Donald Jackson Porter
 SW Raymond Douglas Bennett
 JW Donald Jackson Porter†

64 Kilwinning

M Bryan Keith Ratliff
 SW Dennis L. Cook†
 JW Clyde Hubert Wright Jr.

75 Widow's Son

M Robert Wilson Spruill
 SW Lynn Howard Berry†
 JW Robert Wilson Spruill†

76 Greensboro

M Douglas Ray Bolen
 SW Joey Booten Bolen
 JW Joseph Timothy Mabe

81 Zion

M Ricky L. Hawkins
SW Tony R. Hawkins
JW Thomas R. Arthur

83 LaFayette

M James Robert Yates
SW Robert Lee White
JW James Robert Leverett

84 Fellowship

M Marvin I. Libby
SW Larry W. Barnes
JW Jimmy D. Hooks

85 Morning Star

M Robert Alan Sitton†
SW Robert Alan Sitton†
JW Robert Alan Sitton

90 Skewarkee

M Frederick E. Oglesby†
SW Russell Mobley†
JW King D. Leggett

91 Western Star

M Charles Gowan
SW John Rutland
JW Charles Gowan†

92 Joseph Warren

M Lewis Arthur Laumann†
SW Herbert Davis Bailey†
JW Robert Johnston Austin†

95 Jerusalem

M John B. McLawhorn Jr.†
SW John B. McLawhorn Jr.†
JW John B. McLawhorn Jr.†

97 Millbrook

M Brian Demott
SW Ray Coulter
JW Tom Fahngstock†

98 Hiram

M Clois Ray Hobbs Jr.
SW Ollen Warren†
JW Clois Ray Hobbs Jr.†

99 Fulton

M Marty Robin Basinger
SW Kevin Lee Trexler
JW Steve House†

102 Columbus

M Marshall Todd Hinnant
SW Dan Jordan†
JW John Edmond Tredinnick

104 Orr

M Robert McRoy†
SW R. Lavern Mayo†
JW Sandy Blizzard

106 Perquimans

M Timothy James Garrett
SW Absent
JW Walker Rayburn†

109 Franklin

M James M. Lewis
SW Earl B. Jones†
JW R. Scott Hobgood

112 Wayne

M John Robert Franks
SW William Robert Rogers
JW Ralph Edward Sutton

113 Person

M Lamar B. Winstead
SW Lamar B. Winstead†
JW Robert L. Dixon

114 St. Alban's

M Tonnies L. Prevatte
SW Albert Andrews†
JW Tonnies L. Prevatte†

115 Holly Springs

M Todd Dyches
SW Todd Dyches†
JW Todd Dyches†

117 Mount Lebanon

M Fred Daniels†
SW Allen Bass
JW John G. Taylor

118 Mt. Herman

M Mark Kent Rodgers
SW Mark Kent Rodgers†
JW Kenneth B. Lance†

122 Oxford

M Wayne D. Roberson†
SW Wayne D. Roberson†
JW Wayne D. Roberson†

123 Franklinton

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

125 Mill Creek

M Donald Chittenden
SW Ronald Scott Peele
JW Absent

126 Gatesville

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

127 Blackmer

M Larry Thompson†
SW Bill Hamilton
JW Charles Dorsett Jr.

128 Hanks

M Mike Phillips
 SW William Baird
 JW Robert Julian†

129 Dan River

M Gene Lewellyn†
 SW Gene Lewellyn†
 JW Gene Lewellyn†

132 Radiance

M Bennie J. Heath
 SW Thomas R. Mooring
 JW David S. Emory

134 Mocksville

M Andy Bowles
 SW Philip Ray Cartner
 JW Andy Bowles†

136 Leaksville

M Walter Frank Reid†
 SW Walter Frank Reid†
 JW Walter Frank Reid†

137 Lincoln

M Bradley E. Whitley
 SW Ronald B. Cornwell
 JW Al Tate†

138 King Solomon

M Billy J. Graves
 SW Michael L. Collier
 JW Ronald D. Graves†

143 Mt. Vernon

M Robert A. Smith†
 SW Robert A. Smith†
 JW Robert Smith†

145 Junaluskee

M Arlon Eldridge
 SW Lon Peden
 JW Joel A. Medford†

146 Cherokee

M John Wesley Odom
 SW William David Sumpter III
 JW Ronald Clint Ledford

147 Palmyra

M Donovan Earl Eason†
 SW Donovan Earl Eason
 JW Jonathan Shannon Johnson†

149 Adonirom

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

150 Pee Dee

M Johnny Howard†
 SW Luther Layton†
 JW Eli Lowder†

151 Sanford

M Glen Robert Rapp
 SW Glen Robert Rapp†
 JW Glen Robert Rapp†

154 Scotch Ireland

M Ted Miller
 SW Bennie Williams†
 JW Jeff Stiller†

155 White Stone

M William J. Perry
 SW John Duke
 JW David Gillespie

158 Knap of Reeds

M Danny R. Maynard
 SW Robert A. Haun Jr.
 JW Mark R. Archambault

162 Yadkin

M Gordon K. Myers
 SW Jason L. Casstevens
 JW Gary W. Kearney

165 Archer

M James Edward Doan
 SW Jimmy Lee Hicks
 JW James Doyt Hinton Jr.

167 Winston

M J. A. Redding
 SW C. H. White
 JW T. E. Hendricks

170 Blackmer

M Michael Silver
 SW Absent
 JW Hilland R. Sadiston†

172 Buffalo

M Charles Franklin Branch
 SW Jerome Conway Hall
 JW Arliss Linsey Upchurch

176 Williams

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

181 Carthage

M Charles Patterson
 SW Ricky Bickel
 JW Kin Suggs

187 Central Cross

M Perry I. Bartholomew†
 SW Perry I. Bartholomew†
 JW Perry I. Bartholomew†

188 Balfour

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

190 Fair Bluff

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

191 Granite

M Jimmy Durant McLaurin Jr.
SW Paul E. Cox
JW Absent

198 Cary

M Thomas C. Stephenson
SW David J. Milidonis
JW W. Watts Ward

202 Cleveland

M Charles H. Ferree†
SW Charles H. Ferree
JW Charles H. Ferree†

203 Roanoke

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

205 Long Creek

M E. Michael Puckett
SW Charles G. Burgess
JW D. Brian Hutton

206 Mingo

M James S. Tew
SW James S. Tew†
JW James S. Tew†

207 Lebanon

M Charles Bryan Huckman
SW Charles Bryan Huckman†
JW Tony Dewitt Edwards

208 Mt. Olive

M James Kornegay†
SW James Grant Kornegay
JW Michael Conrad Saviak III

210 Eno

M David H. Minshall
SW Ron M. Johnson
JW Alton L. Wethington

214 Thomasville

M Kenneth Wayne Swaim
SW Kenneth Wayne Swaim†
JW Ray Finney†

217 Catawba Valley

M Ray Nelson Anderson
SW James David Rakestraw
JW Ray Nelson Anderson†

218 William G. Hill

M L. Richard Chrisawn Jr.
SW John L. Tidball V
JW N.A. Dunn

226 Olin

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

229 Henderson

M Joseph Thomas Briggs Jr.
SW Anthony Greir Williamson
JW Abner Bryant Cobb Jr.†

230 Corinthian

M Frederick F. Ayers
SW Dennis R. Sawyer
JW Joseph T. Fuller

231 William T. Bain

M Carl Leo Speicher
SW Kevin S. Walton†
JW Larry C. Reynolds†

233 Lenoir

M Joseph W. Wilson†
SW Absent
JW Jerry Moore Davis

237 Mystic Tie

M John Michael Glenn
SW Jesse Glenn Henline
JW Fred C. Alexander

240 Wiccacon

M Horace Randolph Mizelle
SW Randolph Mizzelle†
JW Lloyd Henry Williams

243 Grifton

M Clifton Adams
SW Nelson Futrell Jr.
JW Cliff Hales

244 Monroe

M Brian Keith Griffin
SW Craig Andrew Hyatt
JW Douglas Spencer Moore

248 Catawba

M Ronnie Ingram
SW Kerry Niles Hayer†
JW Kerry Niles Hayer†

249 Pythagoras

M Carl V. Gregory
SW Donald R. Potter†
JW Donald R. Potter†

253 Lee

M Fred C. Barkley
SW John Smith†
JW Ron Fortner

257 Kenly

M Steven Burton Waddell
SW Sanford James Waddell
JW Jimmy Burton Waddell

258 Fuquay

M Marvin Andrew Moore Jr.
 SW John Q. Adams III
 JW Carl E. Vaughn Jr.

259 Waynesville

M Dwayne V. Burress
 SW Dwayne V. Burress†
 JW John W. Purvis†

261 Excelsior

M John Pope
 SW Johnny Moser
 JW George M. Smith†

262 Hibriten

M J. Bradley Leonhardt
 SW T. Clyde Robbins
 JW J. Bradley Leonhardt†

263 Gaston

M Mike McGinnis
 SW Chuck Webb
 JW Jeffrey Beaty

265 Farmington

M R. Wayne Boger
 SW J.Y. Smith†
 JW Jamie Phelps†

267 Dunn's Rock

M John T. Prescott Jr.
 SW Jeffery C. Owen
 JW Geoffrey E. Shepherd

271 Tabasco

M Joe Thompson
 SW Joe Thompson†
 JW Henry Young†

272 Bingham

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

276 Beaver Dam

M Ray Medlin
 SW Eric Rummage
 JW Norman Ziegler Jr.

277 Green Level

M Michael J. Johnson
 SW Michael J. Johnson†
 JW Michael J. Johnson†

279 Rehoboth

M Absent
 SW Billy Wilson
 JW Dewitt Scholar

282 Wake Forest

M Charles L. Yarletts†
 SW Jerry R. Blake
 JW Christopher L. Yarletts

283 Eureka

M Ron Riddle
 SW Fred Shipwash
 JW Don Lyerly

284 Greenville

M Jessie E. McLawhorn
 SW Bill Hall
 JW Steve Spindler

289 Salem

M Robert Thornton
 SW John Hoover
 JW Henry Heidtmann

292 French Broad

M Ted J. Edwards†
 SW Robert Millard Walsh
 JW Heath V. Edwards†

293 Vance

M Edward Lee Hamlin
 SW Edward Lee Hamlin†
 JW John Eugene Rice

294 Atlantic

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

296 Stonewall

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

299 Harmony

M William James Hamby
 SW John Walter Dobson
 JW Ernest Ray Galliher

300 Aurora

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

301 Clay

M George V. Webber
 SW George V. Webber†
 JW George V. Webber†

302 Lillington

M Jim Brown
 SW Dean Byrd†
 JW Boyd Byrd

304 Pleasant Hill

M Max Alvin Waters
 SW Calvin Coolidge Turner†
 JW Chris Blizzard

305 Laurinburg

M David L. Allen†
 SW Daniel L. Bean
 JW Dewey H. Pittman†

306 Raeford

M Charles R. Wilson
SW James Jackson
JW Wayne Gardner

314 New Lebanon

M Randy Wade Williams
SW Rayman A. Vallas
JW Ronald Keigh McKinney

317 Eureka

M Charles Robert Meads
SW Martin Ronald Carver
JW Charles Edward Mahaffey II

319 Wilmington

M Hovie W. Pope Jr.
SW Wayne R. Ellers
JW Christopher David Snowden

320 Selma

M Gary Anthony Jones†
SW Harry Eugene Green†
JW Raymond E. Edwards Jr.

322 Granite

M Marshall A. Whitt Jr.
SW Joseph G. Owens
JW Walker Daniel Leonard

328 Mattamuskeet

M Hyler Wayne Cox
SW Hyler Wayne Cox†
JW Hyler Wayne Cox†

331 Bayboro

M Absent
SW Osborn Scott
JW Absent

339 Fairview

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

340 Harmony

M James Everett Jones
SW Antonio Jimenez
JW Kevin Eugene Johnson

343 Hickory

M Michael Dorian Hale
SW Walter James Hunley
JW Michael Dorian Hale†

344 Numa F. Reid

M Larry Raywall
SW Absent
JW Absent

348 Stanley

M Michael Lynn Swaringen
SW Scottie Wayne Cox
JW John Henry Swaringen†

352 Durham

M Lonny Lee Kylander
SW James G. Eubanks
JW Robert Franklin Groves

356 Fallston

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

357 Bakersville

M Larry Pilgram†
SW Larry Pilgram†
JW Larry Pilgram†

358 East LaPorte

M Ronald Earl Stephens
SW James Loyd Medlin†
JW Edward J. Kesgen

359 Mount Vernon

M Elton Roberts
SW Bruce Tyson
JW Douglas Taylor

363 Snow

M Alvin Hardy
SW Ron Bumgarner
JW Alvin Hardy†

369 Gastonia

M James G Brown
SW Charles Ray Thomas†
JW Blake R. Skarpalezos

373 Ashler

M Donald Edward Stewart
SW Absent
JW Absent

374 Campbell

M Timothy Allen Jones
SW Timothy Allen Jones†
JW Randall Dean Wingfield†

375 State Line

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

377 Youngsville

M Harry Michael Griffin
SW Dallas Glover†
JW Harry M. Griffin†

378 Seaboard

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

379 Coharie

M Russel Pascal Jones
SW Russel Pascal Jones†
JW Russel Pascal Jones†

380 Wake Forest

M Elwood P. Davis Jr.†
 SW Elwood P. Davis Jr.
 JW Max Bloodworth

381 Forest City

M George Oren Allen†
 SW Robert Nixon Cuthrel†
 JW George Oren Allen†

384 Jefferson Penn

M Rusty Smith
 SW Art VanHook†
 JW Art VanHook

386 Pigeon River

M Gene Yates
 SW Charles Karriker†
 JW Bobby Paxton

387 Kedron

M Blaine Vernon King
 SW Absent
 JW Carl Lee Hinderer

388 Friendship

M Otha Wayne Bridges
 SW Otha Wayne Bridges†
 JW Michael Anthony Sewell

390 Copeland

M Brent Wall
 SW James Oliver Hudson†
 JW Patrick R. Guyer†

391 Lebanon

M James W. Ard
 SW David E. Bowles
 JW D. Maurice Shatley

395 Wilmington

M Richard J. Bryant†
 SW James A. Wolfe
 JW Robert W. Powell II†

397 Bald Creek

M Charles Blankenship†
 SW Charles Blankenship
 JW Anthony Dwight Willis

401 Joppa

M William Mackey
 SW William Mackey†
 JW Carroll Melton†

403 Siler City

M William Harrison Elder†
 SW Dennis Brooks
 JW Richard D. Peter†

404 Denton

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

405 Ocean

M Donald Ray Mansfield Jr.
 SW Michael David Pargeter
 JW Richard Carroll Morris

407 North Wilkesboro

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

408 University

M Joseph Jackson
 SW Michael Roberson†
 JW Joseph Jackson†

409 Bula

M Norman L. Strickland
 SW Absent
 JW Jack K. Bell

411 Bailey

M Donnie H. Liles†
 SW Donnie H. Liles†
 JW Donnie H. Liles†

412 Henry F. Grainger

M Danny Eugene Keeton†
 SW Danny Eugene Keeton
 JW Danny Eugene Keeton†

413 James A. Johnson

M Donald Griffin Gardner†
 SW Donald Griffin Gardner†
 JW Donald Griffin Gardner†

417 Maxton

M Gary A. Bloe
 SW James Jones†
 JW Halbert L. Jones†

418 Pendleton

M Carroll E. Futrell
 SW David C. Simmons
 JW Marshall E. Lassiter†

420 Harmony

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

423 Sparta

M Stewart Lee Smith
 SW Cleason James
 JW Stewart Lee Smith†

426 Montgomery

M Arthur West†
 SW Absent
 JW Arthur West†

427 Oconee

M Gene C. Evans Jr.
 SW William R. Howell†
 JW William R. Howell†

428 Stokesdale

M Theodore Oran Wright
SW Paul Shaun Bradshaw
JW Christopher Lee Wright

429 Seaside

M Charles E. Holland
SW James L. Moreira
JW Stephen J. Svetlovics

431 Relief

M Kevin Hardison
SW Larry Parker
JW Rodney Harris†

432 Piney Creek

M David Malcom Harris
SW James L. Osborne†
JW David Harris†

433 Vanceboro

M James L. Downs
SW Joseph Midgette
JW Joseph Midgette†

434 West Bend

M Robert Lee Williard
SW Leon Mitchell Monroe Jr.
JW Clarence Huie†

435 Blue Ridge

M Dennis Hurst†
SW Randall Simmons†
JW Dennis Hurst

437 Biscoe

M Jimmy Marvin Harris
SW Carl W. Brown†
JW Jimmy Harris†

439 Marble Springs

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

444 Marietta

M James Reiso Pickeral Jr.
SW Donald Reid Joyce
JW Michael Reece Cox

446 Biltmore

M Thomas A. Jones
SW John C. Moody†
JW Russell A. Matheson†

447 Enfield

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

453 Clyde

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

454 Elkin

M Tex Robert Spicer†
SW Darren Pelkey†
JW Absent

459 Dillsboro

M Gary Max Todd
SW Dennis Edwin Wilkey
JW James Joseph Dukes†

460 Cliffside

M Rodney Summey
SW Rodney Summey†
JW Wayne Millis

461 Matthews

M Olin T. Flowe
SW William Michael Warr
JW Charles Franklin Bivens Jr.

462 South Fork

M Cameron Carpenter Jr.
SW William H. Crenshaw II
JW Kenny Revels†

463 Currituck

M William Francis Pugh
SW William Francis Pugh†
JW William Francis Pugh†

471 Grassy Knob

M Jeffrey Clate Mash
SW Randy Wayne Cass
JW Gene Mahaffey†

472 Sonoma

M Jerry David Hoglen
SW William Daniel Lane Jr.
JW Clarence Herman Morrow Jr.

473 Lexington

M George Brian Hunt
SW Ervin W. Allen Jr.†
JW Brandon Ray Faircloth†

474 St. Pauls

M J. Delvin Herring
SW Carl T. Horne
JW Joseph M. Barnhill Jr.

475 Grimesland

M Eldridge Hudson Buck†
SW Eldridge Hudson Buck†
JW Eldridge Hudson Buck

479 Rainbow

M J. Douglas Wilson
SW Dale Kitchin
JW Lash Hacker

482 Saluda

M Jamie Thompson
SW John Collins
JW Roy Bush Laughter

483 Traphill

M James M. Keepfer
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

484 Southern Pines

M Keith Gregory Bennett
 SW Charles Golden Brewer
 JW Leroy Weller Huber

486 Lawndale

M James Phillip Peeler
 SW Joe Donald Peeler Jr.
 JW James Phillip Peeler†

488 Rich Square

M William F. Parker
 SW William F. Parker†
 JW William F. Parker†

489 Newland

M Ray Smith
 SW William Clark†
 JW Absent

491 Hominy

M Danny Wilb Netherton
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

492 Thomas M. Holt

M Thomas O. Wigaws†
 SW David Michael Thompson
 JW Thomas O. Wigaws†

493 Pilot

M Dyrk Dean Garrison
 SW Dyrk Dean Garrison†
 JW Richard J. Smith Jr.†

495 Rockingham

M Donald R. Denney
 SW John Foster†
 JW Richard W. Lunceford

496 Mooresville

M Lance Baxter Hegler
 SW Marima Charles Long
 JW Robert Wayne Womack

497 Royal Hart

M Henry F. Wright†
 SW D.A. White
 JW Jimmy Williams Jr.

498 Ayden

M Robert W. Smith†
 SW Robert W. Smith†
 JW Robert W. Smith†

499 Creedmoor

M Charles Phipps Jr.
 SW Steve Haskins
 JW Larry Brim

500 Raleigh

M Michael W. Brantley
 SW Randall W. Fuquay
 JW Empie Lee Bunce III

501 Red Springs

M David Lovette Jr.
 SW Phillip Edney
 JW Roger Hamm†

502 Cookville

M John Nathan Leatherman
 SW George Calvin Ross
 JW Absent

505 Cherryville

M Jerry R. Walker†
 SW Wayne Black
 JW Jerry R. Walker†

509 Belhaven

M Oran Martin Benson Jr.
 SW Bryan K. Davis†
 JW Bryan K. Davis†

515 Whetstone

M Robert Alan Bowen†
 SW Jason Dennis Grant Mauney†
 JW David Trey Heffner

517 Farmville

M Roy A. Peaden Jr.†
 SW Roy A. Peaden Jr.
 JW Roy A. Peaden Jr.†

519 Widow's Son

M Larry David Moseley
 SW Michael Wayne Reaves
 JW Larry David Moseley†

520 Fairfield

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

521 Manteo

M John C. Schleter†
 SW Brian P. Edwards
 JW Russell A. Lay†

525 Rodgers

M Daryl Davis
 SW Danny Sullivan
 JW David Richardson

527 Lucama

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

528 Fairmont

M John Franklin†
 SW John Franklin†
 JW John Franklin†

529 Andrews

M Ronnie Clontz†
SW Jeff Clark†
JW Buddy Lunsford†

530 Joppa

M H. Kent Schevlin
SW Clifford A. LaMere
JW Ken Schevlin†

532 Hamlet

M John Reid Hamrick
SW Edward Laurence Mercer
JW Larry Edward Hartgrove

534 Camp Call

M Absent
SW Bob Russ
JW Absent

535 Hollis

M Steven Lynn Walker
SW Chad C. Huffstickler
JW Charles Terry Horn

542 Corinthian

M Hugh L. McLaurin†
SW Arvil Dewitt Evans Jr.
JW Raymond T. Rash†

543 Spencer

M James M. Earnhardt†
SW James M. Earnhardt†
JW James M. Earnhardt†

544 Mt. Holly

M Cody Williams
SW Bill McKinney
JW Bobby Blackenship†

550 Roman Eagle

M Cecil Thomas Brewer
SW James W. Sweitzer
JW Gary David Bosworth

551 Glenville

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

552 Revolution

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

554 Vesper

M Toby Crowder
SW Toby Crowder†
JW Toby Crowder†

555 Elise

M Roger Lemonds
SW Alan Dale Sessoms
JW R. L. Boone†

556 Neill S. Stewart

M Robert A. Wilson Jr.
SW Timothy Morris
JW Kenneth Brittain

558 Ararat

M Douglas Kornell Hooker
SW Rufus Cooke†
JW Kornell Hooker†

561 Swannanoa

M Craig D. Beasley
SW David L. Perkins†
JW David L. Perkins†

562 Waxhaw

M Jeff Blythe
SW Richard Primm
JW Jack Moore†

563 Tabor

M Michael L. Norris
SW Michael L. Norris†
JW James R. Turbeville

564 Richlands

M Earnest Benjamin Hall
SW Craig Theodore Muller
JW Starkey S. Shaw†

565 Wendell

M Rodney Brown†
SW Stephen W. White
JW David Ringley†

568 Doric

M George William Lindquist Jr.
SW Bruce Robert Arnold
JW William Barry Miller

571 Snow Creek

M Donald William Miller
SW Dalton Jack McLelland
JW Yates Marlow†

573 Mount Pleasant

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

576 Andrew Jackson

M Preston B. Askew
SW Gary S. Yost
JW Tommy R. Yarbrough

578 Meadow Branch

M Richard C. Williams
SW Richard C. Williams†
JW Walter D. Evans

579 Casar

M Billy Downs
SW Brian Houser
JW Ray Mathis

583 Ionic

M Franklin Wayne White
 SW Robert W. Earnhart
 JW Bryan M. Bender

584 Apex

M Leroy Goodwin†
 SW John H. McLaughlin II
 JW Stanley R. Young

585 Roseboro

M Clarence L. Odum
 SW P. G. Hall†
 JW Andrew B. Wood

589 Bethel

M James Wilbert Futrell†
 SW James Wilbert Futrell†
 JW James Wilbert Futrell†

590 Lowell

M James T. Simmons
 SW Jerry Genovese
 JW Mickey D. Stowe

592 Maiden

M Jack Lutz†
 SW Jack Lutz†
 JW Jack Lutz†

593 Stony Point

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

594 Ashe

M Rick Eldreth
 SW Russell Nannoy
 JW Eric Payne

595 Wallace

M Johnnie Jefferson Murray Jr.
 SW Johnnie Jefferson Murray Jr.†
 JW Eric Cleveland Stallings

596 Waccamaw

M Robert Edward Duncan
 SW Leslie M. Porter
 JW Michael H. Mills

598 Cranberry

M James B. Garland
 SW James B. Garland†
 JW Ken Brewer

602 Queen City

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

605 Jeff L. Nelson

M James D. Chatman
 SW James D. Chatman†
 JW M. Austin Bradley

606 Riverside

M Rick George†
 SW Kelly Nash
 JW Danny Chafin

607 Chadbourn

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

609 Zebulon

M Bryan Pulley
 SW Robert Barron
 JW Robert Barron†

612 Atkinson

M Allan Faison Squires
 SW Alan C. Weyhrauch†
 JW Roy L. Brown†

613 Home

M Billy Hooks†
 SW Billy Hooks†
 JW Billy Hooks

616 Round Peak

M Tim Hamlin
 SW Michael Fulk
 JW Jeff Mitchell

617 St. Patricks

M David Rose†
 SW David Rose†
 JW David Rose†

618 Union

M Kevin Greene
 SW Darren Hartsell†
 JW Eli Matheson

624 John H. Mills

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

626 Cannon Memorial

M John Clifford Pipkin†
 SW John Clifford Pipkin
 JW Richard Secoolish

627 Belmont

M Johnny Wilson
 SW Robbie Patterson
 JW Randy Silvers

629 Walnut Cove

M David A. Kibler
 SW Jerry W. Tate
 JW Charles W. Johnson

630 Francis S. Packard

M Lester Howard Knight†
 SW Lester Howard Knight†
 JW Lester Howard Knight†

634 Goldsboro

M Winford H. Dillard
SW Michael A. Grantham
JW Stephen P. Keen

637 Yadkin Falls

M Ernie M. McSwain
SW Ernie M. McSwain†
JW Ernie M. McSwain†

643 Proctorville

M Terry Britt
SW Keth Walls
JW Absent

646 Bladen

M Job Connor
SW David Schroeder
JW Phil Allen

650 Nichols-West Asheville

M Elbert Jerry Yates
SW Alva Hull Cowan†
JW Bryant D. Webster

654 Elberta

M Gus Danielson
SW Bill Nivea†
JW Renato Agustin

656 Guilford

M F. Brooks Lindsay
SW James Kellam
JW R. Carlyle Avery†

657 Keller Memorial

M Charles Shay Fry, IV
SW Russell Lee Waddell†
JW Ricky Lee Williams†

658 Beulaville

M Jerry R. Kennedy
SW Gary Barrett
JW C. Bruce Whaley

663 Black Mountain

M James Weaver Buchanan
SW Darrell Lee Slaughter
JW James Robert Shope

664 Garland

M John V. Matthews Jr.†
SW John V. Matthews Jr.†
JW John V. Matthews Jr.†

667 Spring Lake

M Kai J. Vannoy
SW Charles N. Cole Jr.
JW Jact T. Vannoy

668 Holland Memorial

M James Preston Aaron
SW Doc Buford Blankenship
JW Henry Darrell Carpenter

669 Kernersville

M Timothy Milton Gallimore
SW Tim Gallimore†
JW Robert Adams†

670 Lovelady

M Charles Richaard Watson
SW Edwin Denny Powell†
JW Samuel Leonard Pons

672 Robbinsville

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

673 Spindale

M Mark Houser
SW Absent
JW Andy Greenway

674 Acacia

M Lewis E. Williams II
SW Lewis E. Williams II†
JW Jonathan G. Shoe

675 Washington

M Howard C. Modlin Jr.
SW Roger B. Williams
JW Ronald W. Pilgreen

676 Temple

M David M. Hackney
SW Donald R. Cummings†
JW Roscoe White Jr.

677 Warsaw

M Bizzell J. Davis
SW James W. Preston III
JW Bizzell J. Davis†

678 Providence

M Jon W. Barnes
SW Louis M. Spear
JW R. Dalton Phelps†

679 Creasy Proctor

M Michael T. Klack
SW Billy E. Strickland
JW Steven D. Crockett

680 Semper Fidelas

M David McLaurin
SW John Brown
JW Howard Kahn†

681 Piedmont

M David N. Hudspeth†
SW David N. Hudspeth†
JW David N. Hudspeth†

683 Rolesville

M Jerry Rose
SW W.G. Arnold
JW Milton Rountree†

685 Pioneer

M Donald S. Gaither
 SW Jesse T. Owens†
 JW Randy E. Ogburn†

686 Angier

M Donald A. Bennett†
 SW Donald A. Bennett†
 JW Donald A. Bennett†

687 Fellowship

M LeRoy Felts Rigsbee
 SW John Thomas Killough
 JW Cecil J. Goodwin†

688 Cherry Point

M Hazzie Williams
 SW James Delk
 JW Hazzie Williams†

689 Scotland Neck

M Kenneth Hill Branch
 SW Edward L. Brown†
 JW Absent

690 Mt. Moriah

M Ricky Rhyne
 SW Andy Setzer
 JW Randy Lambeth

691 Renfro

M Mark R. King
 SW Jody L. King
 JW H. Carlyle Whitaker†

692 East Gate

M Robert Harvey Kissiah
 SW Carl Hand Cooper Jr.†
 JW Allen Edward Hardy

693 Charles M. Setzer

M Theophilus Hunter Hill Jr.
 SW Russell Clarence Elliott
 JW Charles W. Smith†

694 Gate City

M Danny Brinton Cox
 SW Arthur Vance Marshall Jr.
 JW Kenneth Lee Shelton

695 Allen-Graham

M James Roy Roberts
 SW Jeffery Ladd Sellers†
 JW John Tyler Bingham†

696 Memorial

M Cromer Lee Beck
 SW Donald Roy Wunderlich
 JW Cromer Lee Beck†

697 Butner

M Harry Conte†
 SW Bobby Springle
 JW Robert Pearce

698 Cape Hatteras

M Desmond R. Foster
 SW Waverly Allen Fagely†
 JW Raymond Austin

699 Asheboro

M James Ronald Williams†
 SW James Ronald Williams
 JW Timothy Mark Trogon

701 Garner

M James Talaska†
 SW Kenneth Warren Hartman†
 JW Gregory Steven Ray

702 St. Andrew

M Roger Lowery
 SW Rony Lowery
 JW Tony Lowery†

703 Albemarle

M Joseph G. Faulkner†
 SW Joseph G. Faulkner†
 JW Milton D. Allman

704 King Solomon

M Charles W. Morrison
 SW Rodney David Huss Jr.†
 JW Victor Albert Willis†

705 Richard Caswell

M Barry Eugene Seay
 SW Barry Eugene Seay†
 JW Ray Harmon Early Jr.†

706 Newport

M Jerry L. Bennett
 SW James McDougal
 JW James Blackburn

707 Forsyth

M Mickey Lee Stone
 SW Claude Truett Chadwick Jr.†
 JW Claude Truett Chadwick Jr.†

708 Crown Point

M Edwin Congleton
 SW Peter J. M. Romary
 JW Steve Natale

709 Conover

M Joel Eric Eckard
 SW Harley Lee Fisher
 JW Jack Elmore†

710 Advance

M Joseph Russell Suggs Jr.
 SW Joseph Russell Suggs Jr.†
 JW Joseph Russell Suggs Jr.†

712 Wilson

M Phil Capps
 SW Norman Pridgen
 JW Absent

713 Stanley

M Darrell Wayne Wyatt
SW Stephen Curtis Burr
JW Brian Keith Costner

714 Liberty

M Cary McMasters
SW Steve Burton†
JW Chris Turner†

715 Derita

M Ronald Mason Smith
SW Clifford John Warnstaff
JW Benjamin Franklin Copeland

717 Burnsville

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

718 Troy

M Danny Marris†
SW Tommy Tarlton†
JW Garrett Wallace†

719 Horse Creek

M Orbie Joe Cates
SW Jeffrey Ruff
JW James P. Gilmore

720 Cabarrus

M Carroll Furr
SW Darrell Long
JW Troy Faggart

721 Burlington

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent†

722 King

M James F. Christian Jr.
SW William K. Russell
JW Paul Thomas Adams

723 Winton

M Richard Harrell
SW Richard Harrell†
JW Harry Ward

724 Berne

M Jimmy Glisson
SW David Webb
JW Robert F. Dail Jr.†

725 Grantham

M Edward Alan Carroll
SW Luther Alan Jones
JW Henderson Basil Byrd

726 Keystone

M J.R. Dickinson
SW James R. Dickinson†
JW James R. Dickinson†

727 Shallotte

M William Henry Jackson
SW William H. Jackson†
JW Greg Hansen†

729 Twin County

M Absent
SW Absent
JW Absent

730 Stedman

M Thomas A. Pope Jr.†
SW Thomas A. Pope Jr.†
JW Thomas A. Pope Jr.†

731 John Huske Anderson

M James B. Thomas
SW Robert P. Richling
JW Matthew D. Thomas

732 Bush Hill

M Jimmy Stone
SW Roland B. Lawrimore
JW Christopher R. Honeycutt

733 Stump Sound

M Ronald A. Yopp
SW Shirley L. King
JW Absent

734 William Pitt

M James Carlton Wynne
SW Charles Gerard Gregory
JW William Carl Harris Jr.

735 James B. Green

M Robert J. Dowen
SW Allan B. Bonner III
JW Michael J. Spencer

736 New River

M Richard W. Fiorvant
SW Donald L. Cook
JW Donald L. Cook†

737 Steele Creek

M T. Wray Moxley
SW Ralph N. Hamilton
JW Clyde Ray Smith

738 West Gate

M Douglas Eugene Morrison
SW Stephen Chachoff
JW Dean Edgar Ellis Jr.

739 Newell

M Robert Carl Kistler
SW Charles Edwin Michael
JW Edward Roy Trammell

740 Charles B. Newcomb

M Wayne Pittman
SW Ed Poole
JW Eric Decker

741 Crissie Wright

M Arnold L. Wade
 SW Ray H. Lewis Jr.
 JW Michael B. Fulcher Jr.

742 Mint Hill

M Kenneth Percy Carriker
 SW Gary Lee Isenhoure
 JW Phil McBryde

743 J.J. Crowder

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

744 Shelby

M Donald Rupert Morgan
 SW Absent
 JW Donald R. Morgan†

745 Vandora

M Steven H. Langdon
 SW Thomas H. Langdon†
 JW Steven H. Longdon†

746 P.P. Turner

M James D. Chruch
 SW Jeffrey Martin
 JW Jay Calahan†

747 Ocracoke

M Absent
 SW Absent
 JW Absent

749 Truth

M Richard Primm†
 SW Rocky Mills
 JW Mike Locktosh

750 Oak Grove

M Graham Franklin Fulcher
 SW Duane Mitchell DeLay
 JW Ralph David Wicker Jr†

751 Old Town

M Douglas A. Briston
 SW Gerald L. Whitlock†
 JW Raymond E. Tomlinson Jr.

752 Enterprise

M Richard E. Hartman Jr.
 SW Absent
 JW Thomas R. Sink

753 Federal Point

M Michael E. Moore
 SW Bobby Passmore†
 JW William T. Bordeaux

754 Masters

M Don Tew
 SW Keith Legrow
 JW Mark Steelman

755 Clemmons

M Brent J. Higgins
 SW G. Douglas Buie Jr.
 JW Jon A. Canupp

756 Clifford Duell

M Joe Edwin Harris Jr.
 SW Joe Edwin Harris Jr.†
 JW Joe Edwin Harris Jr.†

757 Denver

M Michael Earl Yates
 SW Max Henry Kennedy
 JW Kenneth Gregory Carnley

758 Oak Island

M Harold R. Hoy Jr.
 SW Thomas Murray Culp
 JW Harold R. Hoy Jr.†

759 James K. Polk

M Randolph S. Richardson
 SW Ed Boland
 JW Marian Bakley

Address of the Grand Orator

The Grand Master presented North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr., Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who delivered the following oration:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Tillett, Past Grand Masters, Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, my Brothers in Masonry;

It is a high honor and privilege for me to address the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. I thank Grand Master Tillett for appointing me grand orator and thus giving me this distinct opportunity. I am most proud of our grand master who is one of our most accomplished and distinguished Superior Court judges. I much enjoy working with him as a colleague in our justice system.

I note with considerable pleasure that, in addition to Grand Master Tillett, a good number of our judges have reached the pinnacle of service to the Grand Lodge as grand masters, including Superior Court Judges Clifton Everett and Lester Martin. This speaks well for our legal system and our judiciary in North Carolina. I am proud to be a member of the legal profession which laid the Constitutional foundation, and continues to maintain the working structure, for all the freedoms we enjoy today, freedoms which we are increasingly in danger of losing.

I am also most proud to be a member of the order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the oldest, largest and most prominent fraternity existing today in service to mankind. We have so endured and thrived through the centuries because of the basic beliefs, the tenets of Freemasonry, which mandate brotherhood and service to our fellow man. The basic belief from which all else flows is that all mankind is created by and in the image of God, the Supreme Architect and Master Builder of all, who continues to build and mold our universe, our world and indeed each of us as he resides within us. From this great revelation of God comes our fraternal order, our understanding of brotherhood, our dedication to each other and our compassion for and commitment to serve all of mankind.

Our fraternal order has thrived through the past centuries and exists today because it is recognized as a compassionate brotherhood that is dedicated to the public good and particularly to serving the least among us, the weak, the elderly, the unprotected, the crippled child. Masons have performed these services in a number of ways, including the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, the Oxford Home for Children, and the Burn Centers and Hospitals for Crippled Children. Our order has also recognized and supported the principles of good government and law and order, both within Masonry and beyond. While we as a fraternity do not get directly involved in politics, we as individual citizens support the cause of good government and law and order as a mandate of God. As Masons, we accept the great admonition that "the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Our forefathers, the founding fathers, who believed in this principle and who thus fought for and established this great country, many of whom were Masons, set forth a magnificent road map and structure for the government of this country — our Constitution. This great foundation for the future of our nation begins with these familiar words:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution."

That is the objective toward which America set forth on her great migration two hundred years ago, toward which we are still marching: justice, tranquility, safety,

prosperity, freedom! Did ever a people have a more worthy goal for their migration through the ages of time? I submit that no other people in recorded history have had so worthy a goal, and in terms of government and freedom, there is none more worthy of preserving and passing on to our posterity.

As you know, our Constitutions, both the Federal Constitution and our North Carolina Constitution, establish the structure, or blueprint if you will, for all of the laws passed by Congress and our General Assembly, and the interpretation and application of those laws by all of our courts throughout the land. One of the most important designed structures set forth in both Constitutions is the separation of powers of government into three coequal branches of government: the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial. This tri-part structure serves to protect us from any Executive or Legislative body or any Judicial authority that would seek to exert too much power over any other Branch or over our people. These Constitutions and the laws arising therefrom are the fabric of our society. They affect virtually all of our daily activities throughout our lives. Our Constitutions, and the governmental structure they establish, are therefore of substantial importance to all of our citizens, and certainly to anyone who wants to succeed in life. I thus submit it is essential that all of our citizens, not just lawyers and judges, have a sound basic knowledge of how our great institutions of government are designed to work and what they do for us in our daily lives. Only then can their value be truly appreciated.

Many of our leaders today, at both the national and state levels, have asserted that our society, our culture in this country, is in decline in many respects, including our reduced appreciation for and corruption of moral and traditional values, our diminished work ethic, our lack of knowledge and appreciation of our neighbors, our unwillingness to get involved beyond our individual interests, which is reflected in a general reluctance to be involved with any civic organizations, including Masonry. This general turning away from civic responsibility in favor of self-interest is having a direct, negative affect on the lives of our people as a whole and on many of our cherished institutions and privileges such as the right to elect our public leaders, as reflected in a continued lack of interest in voting, and the right to a fair trial and difficulty in operating our courts, as reflected in an increasing unwillingness on the part of our citizens to perform jury duty in the trial of important civil and criminal cases in our courts.

In my State of the Judiciary Address last year to the General Assembly I referred to this as a substantial concern. I reminded the General Assembly that the Futures Commission of the Courts reported several years ago — and we see this even more clearly today — that there is a growing lack of confidence and trust in our legal system, including our courts. Many in our society today have little or no confidence in the integrity of our legal system. In my opinion, this stems more from a lack of knowledge and thus a lack of understanding than from personal experience. In any event, this is having a direct, negative impact on our ability as a society to continue to live together under the rule of law.

If our laws and our courts are not respected because they are perceived to be discriminatory or dishonest or even political, then we are moving inexorably toward a level of disorder and societal breakdown that law enforcement and our courts will not be able to address.

In order to halt and reverse this sharp trend, we need to begin to better educate our people, particularly our young people, about the uniqueness and incredible value of the legal system which we enjoy and which has made this country the greatest nation in the history of mankind. In my humble opinion, the State of North Carolina should teach substantially more history and civics in our public schools, not less. Our young people simply cannot appreciate the value of that of which they have no knowledge. I believe that *The Greatest Generation*, about which Tom Brokaw so eloquently wrote was

that greatest generation, in our time of greatest need, because they were taught, and thus knew, our history, our governmental institutions and our traditional values. Without such knowledge, our next generation will not come through for us and the world as did *The Greatest Generation*.

I have become increasingly concerned about the level of public understanding — I should say the lack of understanding — of our great public institutions. While many of our citizens are well informed, the great majority have only a very minimal and flawed notion of how our government works. In my view, this is a stark and unfortunate reflection on the education which we are providing today to our young people, our children. Now, in saying this, I am not talking about the manner in which our children are taught by their teachers. The great majority of our teachers are highly skilled and doing an excellent job. I am talking about what our children are taught, or more specifically, what they are not taught, i.e., the curriculum provided by our school system. This curriculum, in my opinion, is and has been for some time, woefully lacking in areas critical to the proper education and development of the future citizens of this State and Nation. These include many subjects that were considered “basics” during my school days, and certainly they include history and civics, subjects now rather loosely and inconsequentially presented as “Social Studies.” You may recall that recently an influential group within our educational complex strongly suggested that we should further eliminate the teaching of our own great history in favor of expanded studies of the other “cultures” of the world. I believe that it is incumbent upon the leaders of any great nation to teach and thus preserve the heritage of that country, and this is particularly true for this the greatest culture and country the world has ever seen.

I recently reviewed the results of a survey taken last year. This study found that 55% of those surveyed (and this was all ages) could not name even one of the three branches of government. Only 34% of those surveyed claimed to be at least generally familiar with the court system of the state. Less than one third of those surveyed could name the capital of the state, and only about the same number, one third, could point to their state on a map of the United States. I submit that this is pathetic and alarming. I am satisfied that, of the three branches of our state government¹ our citizens know least about our court system. Often what they know, or think they know, is shaped by television and other forms of entertainment. I am frequently amazed that so many of our people, especially our young people, think of our court system only in terms of traffic court or at best district court. They have no concept of the system as a whole and certainly no idea of the appellate court system. I have learned during my campaigns for the Supreme Court that the great majority of our people do not even know that we have a Supreme Court.

I strongly believe, and I submit for your consideration, that any child who is permitted to graduate from our school system with this level of understanding of our history, our form of government and our traditional values cannot be an effective citizen of this country, and is in fact as much a “crippled child” as any that we have ever helped in any of our institutions.

In an effort to begin to address this problem, I initiated a few months ago a program called “The Justice Teaching Institute” to be sponsored by the Supreme Court of North Carolina and our Administrative Office of the Courts.

This would be designed primarily as a program for teachers in our public schools.

This would be a comprehensive program where teachers selected to undergo training would receive a full overview of the court system, watch real and mock trials and appellate arguments in our courts, meet our judges, and discuss issues confronting the courts. The participants would see in some real depth the living court system and the law as actually applied in our courts. Teachers chosen for this program, based on their applications, who successfully complete the program, would become permanent Fellows of the Supreme Court Teaching Institute and would then be expected to train

other teachers in law-related education in their respective schools. It is our hope and expectation that this hands-on experience will stimulate these teachers, who will then convey this enlightened insight to their colleagues and their students throughout our state.

I suggest, and I submit for your earnest and full consideration, that the Masons of North Carolina, as a public service enterprise, could become involved in a program that could be of real significance and lasting benefit to the educational system of North Carolina. Every Mason here today and every Mason throughout North Carolina is a leader and well respected as such. I believe that the Masons of North Carolina could formulate a program, including perhaps scholarships, awards, and other such motivations, that would inspire our educational leaders to improve the curriculum and enhance the citizenship training of our children who are after all our future.

There is a poem which I believe represents the finest tradition and character of a good Mason and serves to illustrate what I believe we might well do, within the constraints of Masonry, as a public service offering. This poem is familiar to all in Masonry and is William Allen Drumgoole's poem, "The Bridge Builder," which reads:

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head,

"Good Friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm which has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

In closing, I would like to refer to and quote one of the greatest men in all of history. He was speaking to his people as they prepared to continue their migration into their Promised Land, on which journey he could not accompany them. In his farewell address to his countrymen, Moses told them of their heritage and of God's blueprint for their development as His Chosen People — chosen to lead all the world to Him. This is how he concluded:

And these words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sitteth in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

Today, my fellow Masons, the heritage of our country is in our hands. We are the torchbearers and trustees of the priceless heirlooms we have received by the good fortune of birth and by the grace of God. As good trustees, let us pass the torch on to those who are our future.

Thank you.

I. Beverly Lake Jr.

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina

Grand Orator

Grand Treasurer's Report

The following report of the Grand Treasurer was received, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I submit this interim report as of June 30, 2002. Included in this report are the total receipts and disbursements, special funds, and the securities held by this Grand Lodge.

For the historical record, the Grand Treasurer's final report for 2002 is included in this Proceedings.

Total Funds available 1-1-02		
(General Funds and Special Funds)		\$590,334.47
Receipts YTD	622,053.53	
Total Income		622,053.53
Total Disbursements YTD	505,014.71	
		<u>505,014.71</u>

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR 12/31/2002	<u>\$707,373.29</u>
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Deposits	Issue Date	Maturity	Rate	Amount
Petty Cash				100.00
1st Citizens (operating account)				80,729.09
Crescent Bank CD	1/24/2002	1/24/2003	2.80%	62,685.36
First South Bank	2/11/2002	3/11/2003	2.75%	100,000.00
American Community Bank	2/26/2002	2/26/2003	3.00%	100,000.00
IJL Wach. - Ford Motor Bonds	2/27/2002	3/1/2032	7.60%	100,000.00
IJL Wach. - IBM 7% CORTS	7/9/2002	7/12/2007	7.00%	48,013.47
IJL Wach. - MMIA		n/a	vari	62,951.27
Fidelity Bank - Money Market		n/a	vari	50,645.05
NBC Bank - Money Market		n/a	vari	51,117.29
Triangle Bank - Money Market		n/a	vari	<u>51,131.76</u>

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$707,373.29</u>
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SPECIAL FUNDS SUMMARY	1/1/2002	12/31/2002
Special Contingency Reserve	195,196.50	199,587.50
Emblems and Awards Reserve	3,610.68	(2,717.39)
Automobile Reserve	13,838.82	28,380.39
Book Reserve	124,092.81	106,194.25
Building Reserve	60,853.35	52,462.97
Office Reserve	14,580.69	26,375.94
Disaster Relief	49,722.65	50,840.65
Charity Fund	34,239.57	45,992.57
Perm. Fund - Endowed Membership	<u>2,315.05</u>	<u>1,480.80</u>
Total Special Funds	\$498,450.12	\$508,597.68

Total Special Funds 12/31/02	508,597.68
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Total General Funds Available	<u>198,775.61</u>
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TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	<u>\$707,373.29</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,
Clifton W. Everett Jr., Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Secretary

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received, entered on the record, and referred to the committee on finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I herewith submit my interim report as Grand Secretary as of July 31, 2002, including expenditures for the year and a suggested budget for the calendar year 2003.

For the historical record, the final Financial Report for 2002 and adopted Budget for 2003 are included in this Proceedings.

FINANCIAL REPORTS January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 and Proposed 2003 Budget

		Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Variance 2002	Proposed Budget 2003
48,992	Master Masons @ \$12.00 (49,748)	587,904	593,658	5,754	-
47,979	Master Masons @ \$12.00	-	-	-	575,748
154	Endowed Members	1,425	1,317	(108)	-
177	Endowed Members	-	-	-	2,025
1000	Initiation Fees @ \$1.00	1,000	1,011	11	1,000
	Penalty for Late Returns	1200	1,810	610	1,500
	Dividends and Interest	17,000	6,500	(10,500)	15,000
	Miscellaneous Income	500	184	(316)	500
	Total Income	\$609,029	\$604,480	\$(4,549)	\$595,773
		\$609,029			\$595,773

EXPENSES

Acct. No.	Account Name	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Variance 2002	Proposed Budget 2003
800-00	Philanthropy				
800-01	North Carolina Masonic Charities	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
800-03	Charity	14,000	14,000	-	14,000
	Charity (initiation fees)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
800-04	Hospital Visitation (MSA)	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
800-05	Hospital Visitation (NC)	300	100	200	300
800-06	Masonic Youth Organizations	6,500	6,250	250	6,500
800-09	Geo. Washington Nat. Mas. Mem. (Exp.)	5,000	5,175	(175)	5,000
800-10	Geo. Washington Nat. Mas. Mem. (Inc)	(5,000)	5,175	175	(5,000)
	Total	41,800	41,350	450	41,800
810-00	Salaries and Fees				
810-01	Grand Secretary	62,804	64,067	(1,263)	-
810-03	Office Personnel	65,057	64,959	98	-
810-04	Retirement and Hospital Insurance	22,880	23,779	(899)	-
810-05	Social Security Tax	11,753	11,913	(160)	-
810-06	Unemployment Tax	400	336	64	-
810-08	Administrative Assistant	25,773	25,773	0	-
810-09	Temporary Help	-	-	-	-
810-10	Drewry Memorial Grand Secy. Fund	(25,000)	(25,000)	-	-
	Total	163,667	165,827	(2,160)	175,653
820-00	Administration Costs				
820-01	Stationery	2,500	2,883	(383)	2,500
820-02	Printing(Routine)	11,000	10,672	328	11,000
820 03	Printing (Proceedings)	8,500	9,314	(814)	8,500
820 04	Office Supplies	2,700	2,164	536	3,700
820 05	Postage	10,000	8,996	1,004	10,500
820 06	Office Equipment	9,000	8,279	721	9,000
820-07	Office Equipment Maintenance	7,500	8,213	(713)	7,500
820-08	Telephone	7,000	5,487	1,513	7,000
820-09	Transportation (Grand Secretary)	7,000	7,000	-	7,500
820-10	Official Forms (Annual Returns)	1,100	1,100	-	-
820-11	Auditing	5,500	6,750	(1,250)	6,500
820-12	Dues Cards Income	(12,000)	(12,265)	265	(12,000)
	Legal Fees	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
	Total	69,800	58,593	11,207	71,700

830-00	Building Expenses				
830-01	Utilities	15,000	14,748	252	15,000
830-02	Building Maintenance	12,500	13,797	(1,297)	12,500
830-03	Equipment Maintenance	5,000	5,048	(48)	5,000
830-04	Hazard Insurance	11,000	10,764	236	11,000
830-05	Building Reserve	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	-	<u>15,000</u>
	Total	58,500	59,357	(857)	58,500
840-00	Membership Fees and Dues				
840-01	Masonic Service Association	2,700	2,652	48	2,700
840-02	Conference of Grand Masters	690	750	(60)	690
840-03	GMC Committee on Recognition	100	100	-	100
840-04	Conference of Grand Secretaries	130	130	-	130
840-05	Southeastern Masonic Conference	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	-	<u>300</u>
	Total	3,920	3,932	(12)	3,920
850-00	Travel and Officers Expense				
850-01	Grand Master's Travel	7,500	7,608	(108)	7,500
850-02	Grand Master's Automobile	8,500	8,500	-	9,000
850-03	Grand Master's Office	1,250	692	559	1,250
850-04	Deputy Grand Master's Travel	500	694	(194)	500
850-05	Senior Grand Warden's Travel	500	-	500	500
850-06	Junior Grand Warden's Travel	500	-	500	500
850-07	Grand Treasurer's Travel	500	115	385	500
850-09	Grand Secretary's Travel	5,800	6,119	(319)	5,800
850-10	Judge Advocate Office & Travel	300	-	300	300
850-11	DDGM Travel	1,200	266	934	1,000
850-12	DDGL Travel	1,200	1,032	168	1,000
850-13	Travel - Comm. & Emer. Comm	2,500	2,063	437	2,000
850-14	Travel - Other GL Appointees	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	Total	32,750	29,139	3,611	31,850
860-00	Boards, Commissions, and Committees				
860-01	Board of General Purposes	3,000	2,885	115	2,800
860-02	Board of Custodians	4,500	2,205	2,295	4,000
860-03	Special Activities Commission	300	-	300	300
860-04	Masonic Public Relations	300	-	300	300
860-05	Finance Committee	500	376	124	500
860-06	Code Commission	300	-	300	300
860-07	Lodge Service Commission	300	-	300	300
860-08	Mas. Education/Leadership Development	<u>8,200</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>4,594</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	Total	17,400	9,072	8,328	13,500
870-00	Out-of-State Visitation				
870-01	Visiting other Grand Lodges	1,500	2,173	250	2,000
870-02	Conference of Grand Masters	3,500	3,029	471	3,500
870-03	Conference of Grand Secretary	1,200	931	269	1,200
870-04	MSA & GWMNMA Conference	1,200	1,000	200	1,200
870-05	Southeastern Masonic Conference	<u>3,500</u>	<u>1,568</u>	<u>1,009</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	World Masonic Conference (New Delhi, India)	3,000	4,774	-	(1,774)
	Total	13,900	13,475	425	10,900
880-00	Annual Communication				
880-01	Grand Lodge Officers	-	1,527	-	-
880-02	Past Grand Masters	-	2,004	-	-
880-03	DDGM's Travel	-	2,803	-	-
880-04	DDGL's Travel	-	1,393	-	-
880-05	Board, Committees, & Commissions	-	3,733	-	-
880-06	Guests	-	4,159	-	-
880-07	Auditorium, Banquets, Etc	-	26,390	-	-
880-08	Printing	-	6,739	-	-
	Total	44,000	48,747	(4,747)	44,000
890-00	Miscellaneous Expenses				
890-01	Awards, Aprons, and Emblems	7,500	7,500	-	8,000
890-02	Grand Master's Portrait	550	557	(7)	550
890-03	Trial Commission Expense	100	-	100	100
890-04	Contingencies	5,500	4,562	938	5,000
890-06	Grand Lodge Library & Archives	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	Total	16,150	14,553	1,597	16,150
900-00	North Carolina Mason				
900-01	Editor's Salary	18,251	18,251	0	19,001
900-02	Social Security Tax	1,396	1,396	(0)	1,454
900-03	Print/Ting	46,000	47,898	(1,898)	49,000
900-04	Postage	43,000	39,087	3,913	41,500
900-05	Retirement and Hospital Insurance	2,432	2,413	19	3,231
900-07	Travel	2,000	1,835	165	2,000
900-08	Equipment and Supplies	2,000	1,638	362	2,000
900-09	Internet Web Page	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,165</u>	<u>(665)</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	Total	116,579	114,682	1,897	119,685
910-00	Development Program				
	Administrative				
910-01	Director's Salary	64,011	64,011	0	64,811
910-02	Social Security	7,308	7,308	0	7,442
910-03	Retirement	12,262	11,788	474	14,587
910-04	Travel Expenses	7,000	6,463	537	7,000
910-05	Telephone	3,000	3,000	-	3,000

910-06	Postage	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
910-07	Office Supplies	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
910-08	Miscellaneous Program Expense	4,500	5,601	(1,101)	4,500
910-09	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
910-10	Clerical Assistance	<u>31,521</u>	<u>31,450</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>32,467</u>
	Sub-Total Administrative	138,102	138,122	(20)	142,306
	Program Development				
910-11	Orientation Meeting	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	-	<u>19,000</u>
	Total	157,102	157,122	(20)	161,306
910-15	Development Program Reimbursement	<u>(157,102)</u>	<u>(157,102)</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(161,306)</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0
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810-00	Salaries and Fees	163,667	165,827	(2,160)	175,653
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880-00	Annual Communication	44,000	48,747	(4,747)	44,000
890-00	Miscellaneous Expenses	16,150	14,553	1,597	16,150
900-00	North Carolina Mason	116,579	114,682	1,897	119,685
910-00	Development Program	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total Expense Series 800-00-910-00	\$578,465	\$558,727	\$ 19,738	\$587,658
	Estimated excess / (deficit)	\$ 30,564	\$412,801	\$ (391,336)	\$ 8,115

Membership Statistics

Initiated	1,011
Passed	858
Raised	849
Admitted	322
Restored.....	268
Total Gains	1,439
Expelled	5
Excluded	967
Demitted	340
Died	1,479
Total Loses	2,791
Membership 12/31/2000.....	55,178
Membership 12/31/2001.....	53,805
Net Loss	1,373
Average of Membership	61.36
Unfinished candidates for 1999	189
Unfinished candidates for 2000	191
Unfinished candidates for 2001	332
Twenty-five year awards and emblems presented in 2001	1,404
Veteran's emblems and awards presented	554
60-Year awards and emblems presented	48
75-Year awards and emblems presented	3
Number of lodges 1/1/2002	381

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary

Resolution of the Committee on Finance

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance shall be the first order of business at the morning session of the Grand Lodge held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, and

Resolved further, That all resolutions, motions, and reports asking for or carrying appropriations and expenditures not included in the proposed budget, shall be placed before the Grand Lodge before 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 28, 2001, and,

Resolved further, That all such matters offered after 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 27, 2002, be carried over to the next business communication of this Grand Lodge when the 2004 budget will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan C. Rice, Chairman

Report of the Auditor

The following report of David Scobie, Certified Public Accountant, Auditor, was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Grand Lodge of AF & AM of North Carolina (Grand Lodge) as of December 31, 2001 and 2002, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Grand Lodge as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the activities and changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Scobie, Grand Lodge Accountant

Report of the Committee on Charity

The Committee on Charity presented the following report, which was entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee on Charity wishes to report the following disbursements since our last annual communication:

To ERC.....	\$1,000.00
To CJD.....	1,000.00
To GMS Jr.	500.00
To CRH	500.00
To the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.	10,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Julian Copeland, Chairman

Committee on Permanent Building

The following report of the Committee on Permanent Building was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

During this year, we have made some good improvements in your Grand Lodge building. We continue our approved capital improvement program with the replacement of the evaporative tower on our cooling system with a much more efficient unit. We will also, in 2003, replace some areas of our parking lot and drive.

We have begun some interior renovations of our building, starting with our main floor reception area. We continue to evaluate our real estate and will ensure that our asset is maintained to reflect the professionalism of our Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
E. John Elmore, Chairman

Report of the Lodge Services Commission

The following report of the Lodge Serve Commission was received, entered on the record, and adopted:

An application to enter into a building project, was received from Biltmore Lodge No. 446. Additional information was requested from the lodge on May 15, 2002 and the commission is awaiting their reply.

There are no completed applications awaiting action of the commission at present.

Policies and procedures to expedite Commission activities and coordinate them with and through the Office of the Grand Secretary have been implemented. Further review is in progress.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Bowers, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was received and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Formal requests for recognition has been received from four Grand Lodges. This Grand Lodge subscribes to the services of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America to gather information and investigate whether the grand lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity. The Commission's guidelines or Standards for Recognition are as follows:

1. Legitimacy of Origin
2. Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
3. Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico

We have received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico. The Commission on Recognition has stated in their report that there are problems relating to invading another jurisdiction. It is the position of this committee not to act on this recognition at this time nor until the Commission has given a favorable report.

Grande Loja do Estado de Mata Grosso

The committee received a letter from Grande Loja do Estado de Mata Grosso seeking recognition. In their letter they stated all of the items that would allow us to grant recognition. However, in reviewing the reports for the Commission on Recognition, it appears they have never issued an opinion on Grande Loja do Estado de Mata Grosso. It is the position of this committee not to act on this recognition at this time nor until the Commission has given a favorable report.

Grand Loge du Burkina Faso

A request was received from the Grand Loge du Burkina Faso for recognition. This former French colony in western Africa is located north of the Ivory Coast and Ghana, formerly a French colony. The Grand Lodge of Senegal and the French National Grand Lodge consecrated this grand lodge September 1997. The opinion of the Commission on Information and Recognition is that this grand lodge is regular and entitled to recognition.

Gran Logia D'Andorra

The Gran Logia D'Andorra submitted a request for recognition. This small country is located in the heart of the Pyrenees. The grand lodge was formed September 9, 2000 from lodges chartered by the French National Grand Lodge and by one lodge working under a Spanish warrant of the Grand Lodge of Spain. The Commission on Information and Recognition has issued the opinion this Grand Lodge is regular and entitled to recognition.

Therefore, this committee finding in accord with the opinions issued by the Commission of Information and Recognition, the Grand Loge du Burkina Faso and the Gran Logia D'Andorra are entitled to recognition.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Gregory, PGM, Fraternal Correspondent

Report of the Judge Advocate

The following report of the judge advocate was received, entered on the record, and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the Masonic Year 2001-2002, the Judge Advocate has considered thirteen (13) matters, and the disposition has been as follows:

Determined by the Judge Advocate:	7
Felonies.....	7
Dismissals	0
Fail to entertain	0
Determined by the Trial Commission.....	6
Matters Pending Trial	0
Matters referred due to the lack of jurisdiction	0

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronnie Stewart, Judge Advocate

Report of the Committee on By-Laws

The following report of the Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges presented the following report which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges reports that amendments to the by-laws of the following lodge were approved during the following year 2001-2002:

Unanimity Lodge No. 7
Cary Lodge No. 198
Ashler Lodge No. 373
Vanceboro Lodge No. 433
William G. Hill Lodge No. 218
Olin Lodge No. 226
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 576
Fulton Lodge No. 99
Wallace Lodge No. 595
Nichols-West Asheville Lodge No. 650
Wilson Lodge No. 712
Balfour Lodge No. 188
Zion Lodge No. 81
St. Paul's Lodge No. 474
Ashe Lodge No. 594
Lucama Lodge No. 527
Southern Pines Lodge No. 484
Henry F. Grainger Lodge No. 412
Black Mountain Lodge No. 663
Cherokee Lodge No. 146
Jeff L. Nelson Lodge No. 605

Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 267
 Harmony Lodge No. 299
 Radiance Lodge No. 132
 Dillsboro Lodge No. 459
 Swannanoa Lodge No. 561
 Roman Eagle Lodge No. 550
 Master's Lodge No. 754
 Mill Creek Lodge No. 125
 Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237
 Cranberry Lodge No. 598
 Laurinburg Lodge No. 305
 Raleigh Lodge No. 500
 Ionic Lodge No. 583
 Excelsior Lodge No. 261
 St. John's Lodge No. 13
 Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705

Respectfully submitted,
 T. Walton Clapp, Chairman

Report of the Administrator Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.

The following report of John A. Rose, Administrator of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Inc. was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Thank you for receiving this, my ninth report to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. This report will concentrate on what has happened during this current year and the last full Masonic year.

The MESH Business Plan

The MESH business plan continues to follow a hoped for track where improved resident services are funded, in part, by residents of the Home. This is done, in part, through alternate admission systems for which residents can apply for modern accommodations. Let me provide an example, albeit very much simplified, of this part of the business plan. I refer to it as "amortizing the cost of care". Remember, this is just but one example.

Presume we wish to attract applicants to apply at a younger age before their assets are consumed and at a time when they can most enjoy their retirement years. Presume also we wish to also attract applicants who have sufficient resources to pay for, at least for a longer period, the services they need and receive.

Suppose such applicants would apply if we offer an attractive salad and fruit bar as well as a choice of soups and breads.

Once this service is offered, the new residents enjoy the soups, fruit, salad and bread that are part of a more efficient program due to its volume. As well, the residents who came to the Home with little or no financial resources are also enjoying the same improved services.

Independent Living

This fiscal year continues a new era in resident living at MESH. We have just completed construction of our 29th new patio home, with a change order being issued for at least four more.

Interim Service Plan [ISP] – A Win Win Program

As reported last year, the MESH Care and Wellness Center, has been approved for Medicare certification. MESH has expanded its Interim Service Plan with the Greensboro Health Network (GHN) to include United Health Care as well as Partners Insurance Companies. In sum, the ISP allows, within a fixed vacancy, GHN patients to receive temporary nursing services in our nursing home.

The ISP program also allows fraternally eligible people to receive temporary services such as restorative nursing and therapy. Once able to return to their own homes, they do so healthier, more appreciative of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and more dedicated to this charity.

Let me give an example of how the ISP might not only help MESH financially, it has also improved our mission to the fraternity.

A member or his eligible relative, under a Medicare or similar program, is in need of restorative nursing, therapy, or just a respite period. The physician can be informed about the availability of the MESH restorative nursing program and consider using it to the benefit of the patient. The bed is otherwise empty, the employees are on hand and available, the utilities are on, and the mold is formed. Medicare or qualifying insurance pays for the interim service. An unused resource brings profit while we serve our members in a unique and special way.

At the same time the ISP has done much to “uncircle the wagons” of MESH and bring a very favorable opinion among those who would have remained at a perpetual distance. This is the truest definition of a win-win program.

Security at MESH

Years ago, MESH was considered to be on the outskirts of the city. Today, we are near the center of this wonderful community. We have implemented an improved perimeter security plan with a security kiosk at the entrance to our Home as well as new fencing. The brethren should understand that a Masonic dues card not only assures admission to your charity in Greensboro, it is the best form of long-term care assurance.

Fraternal Assistance

The new position of Fraternal Assistance Coordinator [FAC] has done much to help smooth the complexities of making an application to MESH. The FAC has been traveling to applicants for charitable services. She visits them in their homes and coordinates with the sponsoring lodges. This process also helps identify and resolve, if necessary, potential problems before they arise.

The Depth of Our Service

MESH is more than just a retirement community; it is, in large measure, a tangible part of our obligation. During fiscal year 2001, MESH cared for a daily average of 212.6 residents. The ending census was 233 residents. The following are more than numbers, but a measurable part of our commitment to aid and assist our distressed brethren and their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and widows.

Population	Men	Women	Total
Beginning Census on 1/1/2001	33	152	185
Admissions	31	48	79
Sub Total	64	200	264
Withdrawals	0	1	1
Deaths	8	22	30
Ending Census on 12/31/2001	56	177	233
Comparison to Previous Year	+23	+25	+48

Waiting List	Men	Women	Total
Waiting list on 1/1/2001	3	4	7
Applicants Approved	25	56	81
Sub Total	28	60	88
Admissions	31	48	79
Removed from list (choice/death)	2	0	2
Waiting List on 12/31/2001	11	22	33
Comparison to Previous Year	+8	+18	+26

Eligible Beneficiaries

Based upon a study of aging in our fraternity, we know that the number of Masons over the age of 65 as well as their eligible relatives will increase at least 17% during the next decade. The population of MESH has always been strongly correlated to this cohort.

In fiscal year 2001, the number of residents increased 26% to 233. By year-end, 2002, the population of MESH is anticipated to increase more than 10% to 260 residents. As predicted, the numbers of eligible beneficiaries (those eligible persons over the age of 65) will have a direct correlation to the population of MESH.

The Length of Our Cable Tow

The resources of MESH are finite and we must carefully manage the charity. The Home must always remember the costs it has assumed to discharge our obligation to the residents now living in the Home. While willing and anxious to serve, MESH is unable to serve everyone. Rules are in place to set acceptable parameters in assuring MESH will be able to serve those who have been previous admitted. Generally, one must be ambulatory when applying as the long term care nursing services are reserved for those who already live at MESH under the covenants of a life care agreement.

As Masons, we are obligated to the relief of a Brother Master Mason and his wife, mother, sister, daughter, and widow. There is a special purpose of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home that is not published, nor a part of the MESH mission statement. MESH relieves the lodge of the chronic relief burden it could not possibly undertake alone.

Although more efficient and with improved services, the Home still experiences an annual deficit. Compounding this is the tragedy of September of 2001. Since then, life in America has changed. The state of the economy has not been kind and growth on our small investments has not been sufficient to overcome the shortfall. We at MESH, and your Board of Directors, are making a concerted effort to reduce expenses, increase revenue, and bring about more efficiency.

Given the decline in the economy and the extent of charitable giving, MESH is providing more charity than it can afford. This is not something to be ashamed of but,

rather, something of which to be very proud. This deficit situation may be more acceptable and less concerning when growth on the endowment makes up the difference. Brethren, a small gift from every Mason in North Carolina will go a long way to resolving the current problem. Together, we have such gifts to give.

We owe a debt of appreciation to those who have selected MESH as a retirement option under the alternative payment system. A carefully balanced ratio of residents from both application systems has brought about improved services. However, absent improved philanthropy, we may have to make some difficult recommendations as to the number of people the fraternity can serve charitably in this retirement community. An option – albeit not very palatable – may be to allow our licensed capacity to decline and fluctuate based upon the number we can afford without deficit.

The Future

Having completed the new Care and Wellness Center, and being now engaged in building new patio homes, the next step needs to be the replacement of older “congregate living” buildings with too small accommodations and shared bathing with modern studios and apartments.

The MESH Board of Directors has adopted a vision for the future. An architectural firm has helped us present the vision in schematic drawings and marketing tools are being developed at this writing.

In sum, the vision is of a more open campus with safe patios, gardens, and an auditorium. We envision activity areas where events conducive to seniors are taking place. The day when it was “high on the hog” to have a room, a bathroom somewhere, three meals a day, a lamp, table, and bed are gone. People live longer, need more quality health care, often are able to save more, have access to entitlement programs such as social security, and have accumulated more things. The vision includes studios and apartments that make the resident proud and that has sufficient space for appropriate furnishings.

How can we afford this in light of the economy and state of giving? In answering this question, we return to the analogy of amortizing the cost of care, the growing senior membership within our fraternities. We then incorporate the goal of a balanced ratio of residents from both application systems.

The Board of Directors understands that now is not the time for a major capital campaign. We need to dedicate ourselves to a plan that will allow MESH to meet the needs of an growing number of people, raise the bar of services, and do this without additional burden to our faithful members.

A study is now underway to determine the size of the cohort of interested members who are asset and income qualified. If we learn that the balance is possible to support the costs of expansion over a 30-year period, we can proceed while the financing costs are less than normal.

Acknowledgements

I would like to express my fraternal appreciation for Brother T. Walton Clapp and the staff in our Grand Lodge. These folks are so very helpful to MESH and our liaison with the fraternity. I would also like to thank Ric Carter, Editor of *The North Carolina Mason*. Brother Ric's assistance with MESH's need to educate our fraternal members is paramount to our success.

Literally every employee at MESH is to be congratulated. They not only are good at what they do, they love our residents. In fiscal year 2002, during a sluggish economy, the continued to work without benefit of a raise. I cannot express my heartfelt thanks for this group of dedicated people, many who sent personal messages of understanding.

It has been a pleasure traveling and attending area meetings with the chairman of the MESH Board of Directors, Grand Master Jerry Tillett. I can only admire his effort

to balance his time between his family, his usually vocation, chairing the boards of several Masonic corporations, and being Grand Master. Thank you Most Worshipful for your unselfish love of this fraternity.

I wish to thank our fraternal members. If I could paint a picture, it would be of an old person's face. Radiating though that face would be the bright and excited eyes of a child. Those who know and love this retirement community, dedicated to relief, are the rare people who understand that we are all children of God, just some older than others.

Lastly, I would thank every resident at MESH. Our Home embodies the precepts of our fraternity. There are no haves and have-nots. We all "have". There is a balance of those who need charitable services with those who have needs that go beyond money alone. At our Home there is love, respect, and a genuine concern for one another. We have the security of knowing that our residents needs will continue to be met regardless of financial ability or length of life, and that people we know and trust will meet those needs.

In sum, everybody gets the salad bar.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
John A. Rose, Administrator/CEO
Masonic and Eastern Star Home

Report of the Board of Directors of The Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.

The following report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home was received and entered on the record:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Governance

During this Masonic year, the Board of Directors convened their regular quarterly meetings in February, May, August, and is scheduled to meet in November.

The Board of Directors is comprised of twenty qualified members of whom twelve are Masons and eight are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The grand master serves as chairman. The deputy grand master and senior grand warden are members by virtue of their position. The other Masonic members are appointed by the grand master and elected by the voting members of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication. The junior grand warden serves as an observer, which helps him prepare for his ensuing term.

The many important responsibilities of the Board are directed through committees and, when necessary, ad hoc committees. Standing committees are instrumental in maintaining efficient and effective operations of your Masonic and Eastern Star Home. These committees include Admissions, Personnel, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Real Estate, Long Range Planning, and Investment.

One ad hoc Construction Committee continues its important work of directing and overseeing the current Independent Living expansion project. The Board of Directors receives regular reports from the administrator that relate to the general operations of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The Length of Our Cable Tow

As reported by our administrator, occasionally we find an applicant whose needs exceed MESH's ability to serve. An example would be an applicant who has waited so long to apply that he or she needs direct admission to the Care and Wellness Center. Another example is that rare instance when an applicants needs exceed the licensed

capacity of MESH to serve, e.g., senile dementia where there is a potential for violence or there is a need for long term sub acute hospital care.

Particularly regrettable are situations where would be applicants wishing to apply are found to be ineligible. Here are just two examples.

Brother AB is a 50-year Mason and 40-year member of the Shrine in the state he had lived in since the mid-1900s. He never joined a local North Carolina lodge but kept his membership in Kansas. He was in good health and outlived his assets. One day he drove into the Masonic Home and asked to make an application. He had only his car and his social security income. He had no home and he had been living in his car for several months. He ate one meal a day so he could buy whatever medicine he could afford. Brother AB, not being a member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of this state, was not eligible to apply for Masonic relief through the Home.

Brother EF, for reasons known only to him, was excluded for nonpayment of dues. After his death in 1995, his daughter was doing the best she could to help her mother. The mother's assets dwindled down to nearly nothing and the daughter could do little more to help. At her wits end, in need of respite and relief, the daughter called the Masonic Home and learned that her father had been excluded from his lodge for nonpayment of dues several years before he died.

When MESH is unable to serve in these types of matters, the family often becomes disappointed and transfers its anger to the very charity that is unable to help. This is due, in part, to the stress under which such families are forced to cope.

The chaplain of this Home once said, "Wherever there is a human need, and a corresponding ability to meet that need, therein lies the call of God." The Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home find it awful to see a human need and not be able to meet that need because a brother and his family are uninformed; the member has demitted from the lodge, or has not aligned himself with a lodge in this state. If you know a brother who wishes to align himself with a local lodge or renew his membership, tell him to call the secretary of the lodge closest to him or of the lodge where he obtained his demit.

As stewards of the mission, the Board of Directors will rest better knowing that they have made this extra effort. The obligation a Mason takes together with his dues card is the best form of long long-term care assurance.

Finances

As was reported last year, we have reached a point where efficiencies and revenue enhancement are more difficult to realize. The business plan of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (MESH) included pursuing new revenue sources and controlling expenses. Savings have been plowed back into the Home's resident care program for improved services. These improved services are attractive to eligible beneficiaries and results in more people making a decision to apply under the new non-assigned asset admission system at a younger age, when they can most enjoy the services, and before their resources are spend down.

One pressure point has been the stock market. The market has been unkind to the MESH portfolio during the last year. Nevertheless, the North Carolina Masonic Foundation has done an admirable job of investing the small MESH funds.

This is the second report since the Grand Lodge fiscal year was changed. Being based upon the calendar year allows a more accurate financial report based upon data that has been audited. The following information reports and compares financial information between FY 2000 and 2001, the last full year.

The expanded independent living program continues to serve our members. Last year we reported 23 under construction. MESH has just contracted through home number 33 with room for only 13 more. A study of aging in our fraternity suggests the

number of eligible beneficiaries will grow by 17% over the next decade. The number of residents served at MESH has a direct correlation to the number of fraternal members over the age of 65.

A Vision for the Future

After more than seven years of planning, review, and analysis, MESH pulled together all its information into a vision that meets its objectives for the next step of its long range plan. The goals for the Home as a charity will not change. MESH will remain a charitable endeavor. The project will prepare the Home for additional residents expected over the next several decades and better serve our existing residents in more appropriate accommodations.

It has been said, "A yard is hard, but an inch is a cinch". Brethren, MESH is doing this planning properly. One cannot simply draw an idea and break ground the next day. We must think about this incrementally and in the correct steps. The Board of Directors knows that now is not the time to engage in another major campaign. We will soon be conducting a marketing study and financial proforma. Preliminary to this will be development of comprehensive master plan, schematic design documents upon which to better understand accurate costs, and preparation of marketing documents. Spending a comparably few dollar to plan and determine if the vision be financed in large part through what we generally refer to as "resident mix," will prevent a waste of far more money.

Let me explain this idea of resident mix more fully. Those participating in the non-assigned asset admission system really pay for the services they receive. At some point, this resident mix becomes more efficient. One overly simplified example is that MESH need not add roads to its campus just because one additional resident arrives. It may be that, with the correct resident mix, accommodation fees and monthly maintenance revenue over the next 30 years will support the debt service involved in financing the vision.

The vision concentrates on the oldest part of campus, our congregate living area. This part of the vision includes new studios with private baths as well as one and two bedroom apartments in the congregate area of the Home. We envision expansion of the chapel to include a chaplain's office, enlarging the dining room, and building attractive offices, classrooms, lobbies, activity areas, an auditorium, all within a landscaped and park-like campus whose entrance and focal point is turned a different direction.

Resident mix becomes more important given the decline in the economy and the extent of charitable giving. MESH provides more charitable than it can afford. Brethren, we are not ashamed of this but, rather, proud. In the past, growth on a small portfolio has made up the difference. Until the resident mix reaches an effective ratio, and if the economy and charitable giving do not turn around, we may have to make some difficult recommendations as to the number of residents the fraternity can serve charitably. A small gift from every Mason in North Carolina will go a long way to resolving the issue. Brethren, when we work together, we can make such a big difference.

Financial Overview

Operating revenues in 2001 were 23% greater than the previous year over the previous year. This improvement was due primarily to the expanded independent living program, non-assigned asset admission system, and the lease of a vacant building. Fraternal support was basically flat for the year over year.

Expenses increased by 18.6%. This increase is the direct result of a 16.7% increase in population, unanticipated insurance increases, and the rising cost of health care. The good news is that MESH is more efficient. Despite unanticipated increases in operating costs and improves resident services; the cost per resident in MESH has been reduced slightly.

OPERATING REVENUE

From Residents	2000	2001
Income from Residents	1,572,602	2,036,234
Entrance Fees (NAAS)	0	196,000
Asset Division	765,682	602,811
Real Estate	332,518	357,177
Accommodation Fees	151,211	102,300
Maintenance Fees	150,819	317,438
RTA Transfer	105,707	474,676
Mortgage Interest	15,654	16,188
Operating Expense Recoveries	<u>130,049</u>	<u>428,219</u>
Subtotal		
Resident Participation	3,224,242	4,531,043 (+40.5%)
Fraternal Support	2000	2001
Income from Charitable Trusts	90,620	168,512
Blue Lodges, Appendant Bodies	424,895	367,828
NC Masonic Foundation	190,464	235,462
Grand Lodge	18,500	12,500
Grand Chapter	<u>422,355</u>	<u>365,135</u>
Subtotal Fraternal Support	1,146,834	1,149,437 (+. 2%)
Investment Income	2000	2001
Endowment Interest/Dividends	<u>324,624</u>	<u>172,111</u>
Subtotal Investment Income	324,624	172,111 (- 47.0%)
	2000	2001
Legacies	465,270	529,725 (+13.8%)
	2000	2001
TOTAL REVENUE		
FROM SOURCES	\$ <u>5,160,970</u>	\$ <u>6,382,316 (+23.7%)</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

	2000	2001
Administrative	852,523	1,019,408
Dietary	971,458	1,103,032
Maintenance	714,298	827,439
Care Center Health Care	2,180,608	2,595,490
Residential Health Care	539,624	624,750
Environmental Services	350,056	484,397
Activities	182,431	200,552
Independent Apartments (Cottages)	46,951	83,984
Social Services	43,209	44,006
Board of Directors	<u>26,555</u>	<u>21,039</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$5,907,713</u>	<u>\$ 7,004,097</u>

<u>Key Ratios</u>	2000	2001
Cost Per Resident Year	\$32,194	\$32,056
Cost Per Resident Month	\$ 2,683	\$ 2,671
Cost Per Resident Day	\$ 88.20	\$ 87.82
Average Population Served	183.50	214.10

Conclusion

Each resident served in your Masonic and Eastern Star Home represents more than a name. Each contribution and dollar spent represents more than money. Your Home is tangible evidence of the extent to which Masons and Eastern Star members accept their obligation. Charity is love and your continued love is needed.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your continued attention to this, one of the purest forms of charity that can be found. The *Bible* reminds us to plead the widow's cause and to visit the fatherless in their affliction. What better example is there than our Masonic Charities.

The Board of Directors
Masonic and Eastern Star Home of NC, Inc.

Report of the Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home

The following report of the Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home:

On August 10, 2002, per Regulation 34-17 of *The Code* of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, committee members Brothers Everett L. Brothers Jr., Bud A. Sowers, and Berry Rigdon met with MESH Administrator Brother John Rose for lunch and a tour of the campus. Brothers Larry G. Ford and Albert L. Austin were unable to attend.

Although the committee meeting was at 1:00 P.M., the committee was privileged to come to the home at 8:30 A.M. for a presentation concerning future renovations and possible expansion relative to the mission of MESH.

Promptly at 9:30 A.M., Grand Master Jerry Tillett, chairman of the Board of Directors at the home called their meeting to order and allowed the MESH Committee members to witness firsthand the various aspects involved in the operation of the home. These included reports from committees on Admissions, Policy and Personnel, Finance, Real Estate, Long-Range Planning, Development Director's report and the Administrator's report. Eighteen of the twenty board members were present. The reports, discussions, questions and answers gave the MESH Committee an in-depth insight into the day-to-day, as well as, the overall operation of MESH.

Each committee member present expressed a renewed confidence in our home, its employees and administrator in the excellent care they provide our residents. Several residents expressed to the committee while on their tour, their feelings of gratitude to the membership, employees and administrator for making this a home for them rather than an institution. One lady stated it was a resort to her.

Brother John Rose gave a presentation entitled "The Length of Our Cabletow", which provided the Board with valuable information and asking the Board for direction in budget planning for fiscal year 2003. There was statistical data and possible approaches from almost every avenue.

The question was asked, "So, What Now?" Do we stretch the cable thinner; and, if we do, will it break? Do we make our cable shorter, but stronger; if so, who gets left out?

Or do we add “tau” to our cable, thereby strengthening it to support our obligations.

In concluding his presentation, Brother Rose emphasized “What’s Right About Our Home?” We have the right leaders — our Board members. We have the right foundation — the Fraternity. We have the right people — our members. We have the right employees — employees who are mission-driven. We have the right mission. Your committee would add, we have the right administrator in Brother John Rose, a Brother Master Mason, who has the courage to stand with us to face the unforeseen, but inevitable changes of the future.

We each must examine our “tau” and add a few strands in support of our Home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee on the Masonic and Easter Star Home

Report of the Administrator The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of David R. Grissom, Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of The Masonic Home for Children:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The year 2001 was an eventful and historic time for our Home. While we have begun to make significant improvements in the quality of life for our children, we must continue to encourage our Masonic lodges and communities to make referrals to us of children who might need the services of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO).

The year began on an unfortunate note in that we had a major fire in Bemis Cottage on January 26. The fire was caused by faulty wiring in a CD player which one of the girls received as a Christmas gift. Major fire and smoke damage occurred on the upstairs floor, but fortunately none of the children were injured. We had to provide temporary living arrangements for the Bemis girls for three months while the cottage was repaired. As a result of the fire, we reviewed all of our fire and safety procedures and improved our fire safety training. The Board of Directors approved the purchase and installation of a centrally monitored fire alarm system for all the cottages and the dining hall.

The MHCO had major personnel changes during the year. The business manager/treasurer, Brother David Ford, retired after twenty-seven years of service. Brother Brent Stewart, assistant administrator, resigned after twenty years of service with the MHCO. In anticipation of future organization changes, the two positions were consolidated and Brother Allen Hughes, an alumnus of the Home, assumed duties as assistant administrator/business manager. Mrs. Sherri Moore-Mott resigned as Chaplain and was replaced by Pastor Patricia Stone. The position of director, human resources was approved by the Board of Directors, and Mrs. Betsy Stovall was selected for the position.

Other major personnel changes occurred as a result of the Board of Directors’ decision to apply for State licensure as a residential childcare facility. Mr. Ted Whiteside was selected to lead the MHCO in program changes to improve the quality of life for our children. For the first time in the history of the Home, social workers were added to the MHCO staff to help the children with social and emotional problems. Duties and staff relationships were realigned to provide better support for the house parents and better control of the children. House parents were given a series of classes to enhance their ability to help the children.

Upgrade of our housing for the children was also required to meet state license

standards. The Board of Directors decided that single-story, family-style housing is more desirable than the two-story dormitory style cottages in which the students now live and authorized construction of seven new cottages. Construction of the new cottages began in November. At the same time, the MHCO Maintenance Department began to upgrade the current living quarters and the dining hall to meet the state fire and safety codes. While the physical upgrade was ongoing, we reviewed and revised administrative policies and procedures, refined organizational responsibilities, and developed personnel pay and promotion scales.

During the year, we continued to emphasize educational support for our children. Many of the students received monetary awards for academic achievement and/or improvement throughout the school year. We implemented summer enrichment programs in reading, writing, and math for students in grades K-6. We also added a certified teacher to the staff to work with students who were out of school for suspension or medical reasons.

The School of Graphic Arts continued to improve operations. The Board of Directors approved the purchase of new multi-color presses to improve production capabilities. The school provides excellent vocational training for twelve to fourteen of our high school students. The students demonstrate their training in publishing *The Campus Tracks*, our student newspaper. Our graphic arts program has the ability to do a variety of printing requirements, including book publications. We do most of the Grand Lodge printing and will welcome requests from the Masonic lodges. Anyone who is interested in getting printing done should call the School of Graphic Arts at (919) 603-3910.

We are grateful to the many Masonic lodges and community groups that visited our campus and provided activities and cookouts for the children. We also appreciate those groups who hosted our children at activities off campus. The children gain so much from the interaction, and your presence demonstrates your care for them.

St. John's Day was another great success. We thank all the Shriners from Amran, Oasis, and Sudan Temples for your excellent support in the parade and with the preparation and serving of the meal. Again, special thanks goes to Brother Lloyd Young and the St. John's Day Committee for coordinating all the activities and enabling the Home to have such a fine celebration.

In conclusion, all of us with the Masonic Home for Children appreciate all that our Masons, alumni, and friends do for our Home. It is through your continued support and dedication that we are able to provide quality care for the children. We encourage you to help us find other children we can assist. We have empty beds; please help us fill them.

We are truly grateful to Grand Master William G. Mathis for his interaction with the children and his outstanding leadership as chairman of the Board of Directors. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Brothers R. Thomas Dooley, Thomas O. Eller, and Luther D. Starling Jr., who completed their three-year terms as Board members. Their guidance and insight have been instrumental in helping the Masonic Home for Children take a step forward to the next level. We anticipate your continued support as we continue to strive toward our new goals.

If you have questions, concerns or comments about the Home, please contact us at our toll free number – (888) 505-4357, and our staff will assist you.

Thank you for all you do and may God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David R. Grissom, Administrator

Report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford was received, and entered on the record:
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Directors for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO) met in accordance with the by-laws during the year 2001 by meeting four times in regular session and once in special session. All Board of Directors members have contributed significantly in improving the quality of care for the children living at the Home.

The fire in Bemis Cottage in January caused the Board to express concern that the facilities and operations of the MHCO be evaluated for safety, security, and effectiveness. To enhance the safety of our children, the Board of Directors approved the installation of a centrally monitored fire alarm system in every cottage and the dining hall.

This year's Board of Directors took a bold step forward and authorized hiring a consulting firm to help the administration of the Masonic Home for Children to determine the feasibility of becoming a licensed childcare facility. After the Board was convinced that the Masonic lodges and the MHCO administration can continue to control admissions to the Home, can maintain control of the operations, and does not have to take state money to support the program, the Board of Directors authorized the application for a state residential childcare facility license. The Board further authorized the training of houseparents and the hiring of additional staff needed to meet licensure standards.

After reviewing the recommendation of the licensing consultants, the Board of Directors approved the beginning of a new construction program to build single-story, family-style housing for the children. Phase I of the project includes seven cottages, which will house eight children each and will meet ADA requirements. Construction began in November. A fund-raising campaign to bring in \$7,000,000 in five years was authorized. The proposed construction plan provides for building eight to ten more cottages in Phase II. The goal is to expand the MHCO census to 200 students. If this can be achieved, Phase III of the construction plan calls for eight to ten more new cottages, bringing the total to twenty-five.

The Board of Directors saw a need to inform individual Masons and Masonic lodges about the changes being made at the MHCO and contracted Epley Associates to help with marketing and public relations issues. The firm has also helped to develop the capital campaign.

The different committees of the Board of Directors were active throughout the year. The Policy and Personnel Committee worked with the administration of the MHCO in developing an organization chart and a standard pay grade scale for each position. The committee also helped upgrade the employee evaluation system. The Finance Committee assisted the Masonic Home for Children in amending the annual operating budget to fund the program changes required for licensure and worked closely with the administration in developing the 2002 annual budget. The Strategic Planning Committee and Building and Grounds Committee both held several meetings to evaluate program requirements and facilities needs based on state safety standards.

The Board of Directors commends the MHCO administration and staff for effective management of the budget and assets provided to the Home. Operational costs were kept within budget despite several unanticipated equipment repairs and a weakened economy. Statements of financial position and activities are enclosed.

We want to express deep appreciation to Grand Master William G. Mathis for his leadership as chairman of the Board of Directors and to Brother R. Thomas Dooley, president, Brother Thomas O. Eller, Brother Dennis E. Yates, and Brother Luther A.

Starling Jr., who completed their terms on the Board. We thank all directors for your wonderful support of the Masonic Home for Children.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors
The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

**The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.
Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2001 and 2000**

	ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	2001	2000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,779,158	\$ 3,416,429
Investments	21,144,379	23,380,185
Accounts & Notes Receivable, Net	411,563	582,570
Inventories	343,484	33,484
Prepaid Expenses	<u>66,599</u>	<u>40,418</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>25,435,183</u>	<u>27,453,086</u>
INVESTMENTS HELD BY TRUSTEES:		
Temporarily Restricted	261,805	231,232
Permanently Restricted	<u>4,502,077</u>	<u>4,414,829</u>
Total Assets Held by Trustees	<u>4,763,882</u>	<u>4,646,061</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments, Temporarily Restricted	593,341	635,556
Investments, Permanently Restricted	862,509	920,277
Notes Receivable	159,259	161,195
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>3,569,747</u>	<u>2,713,454</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>5,184,856</u>	<u>4,430,482</u>
 Total Assets	 \$ 35,383,921	 \$ 36,529,629
	<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable and		
Accrued Expenses	\$ <u>221,171</u>	\$ <u>156,101</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>221,171</u>	<u>156,101</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted Net Assets: Board Designated		
for Land Buildings & Equipment	3,569,747	2,713,453
General Unrestricted	24,568,501	26,624,939
Temporarily Restricted	1,057,086	1,103,678
Permanently Restricted	<u>5,967,416</u>	<u>5,931,458</u>
Total Net Assets	35,162,750	36,373,528
 Total Liabilities & Net Assets	 <u>\$ 35,383,921</u>	 <u>\$ 36,529,629</u>

**The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.
Statements of Activities
December 31, 2001 and 2000**

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:	2001	2000
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:		
Contributions	\$ 1,151,403	\$ 1,292,782
Gain on Sale of Investments, Net	1,043,478	1,292,782
Unrealized Loss on Investments, Net	(1,230,522)	(4,065,523)
Productive Enterprises-Printing	412,337	375,808
Children's Benefits	7,929	4,788
Farm Income	5,511	5,615
Loss on Sale of Property & Equipment	(6,432)	
Miscellaneous	<u>45,451</u>	<u>43,280</u>
Total Revenues, Gains & Other Support	<u>3,429,940</u>	<u>1,470,630</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>73,476</u>	<u>68,423</u>
Total Revenues, Gains, Other Support & Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>3,503,416</u>	<u>1,539,053</u>
Expenses:		
Childcare and Support	966,929	1,451,085
Education	474,985	380,124
Health Care and Infirmary	338,640	313,064
Food Service	536,584	521,357
Religion	220,187	232,460
Productive Enterprises-Printing	620,840	595,551
General and Administrative	1,156,708	1,005,773
Fundraising	<u>388,687</u>	<u>235,322</u>
Total Expenses	<u>4,703,560</u>	<u>4,701,736</u>
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(1,200,144)</u>	<u>(3,162,683)</u>
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Investment Income	88,526	77,097
Decrease in Value of Split Interest Agreements	(19,427)	(5,822)
Unrealized Loss of Investments	(42,215)	(73,012)
Bequests		97,500
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>(73,476)</u>	<u>(68,423)</u>
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>(46,592)</u>	<u>27,340</u>
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Increase in Value of Split Interest Agreements	87,248	218,827
Unrealized Gain (Loss) of Investments	(57,769)	8,313
Bequests and Contributions	<u>6,479</u>	<u>288,594</u>
Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>35,958</u>	<u>515,734</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(1,210,778)	(2,619,609)
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year, restated	<u>36,373,528</u>	<u>38,993,137</u>
NET ASSETS - End of Year	<u>\$ 35,162,750</u>	<u>\$ 36,373,528</u>

Report of the Committee On The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.

The following report of the Committee on the Masonic Home for Children was received, entered on the record and referred to the Board of Directors of The Masonic Home for Children:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Pursuant to Regulation 34-18 of *The Code* of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the committee met on the campus of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, herein, MHCO, on July 11, 2002. Committee members present were: Stephen K. Evans, Donald E. Floyd, J. Randal McWaters, and Gene T. Jernigan, senior grand deacon, chairman. Brother John R. Ochs was unable to join us for our visit to MHCO. The committee arrived on campus at 10:00 A.M. and met with Brother David R. Grissom, administrator, who introduced us to the following members of his management team: Charlie Blackburn, director of Clinical Services; Brother Allen Hughes, assistant administrator and financial manager; Brother Chris Richardson, assistant director of Development/Marketing; Angie Salisbury, director of Daily Living Services; Brother Don Sizemore, director of Masonic Relations; Betsy Stovall, director of Human Resources; and Ted Whiteside, assistant administrator for Program Services.

After a discussion of the mission of our committee and an opening prayer, Brother Grissom and the staff members provided extensive information regarding MHCO. We learned of the Vision Campaign that is underway and how its focus is to provide improved programs for our children, as well as to provide funding for the construction that is underway on our campus. On January 25, 2002, our Home was licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of North Carolina and Bemis Cottage and our cafeteria received the approval of the Department of Facility Services. There are now seven cottages currently under construction and as these are completed, our license will be expanded. This new construction, which has been approved by our board, will be financed through the sale of \$8 million in tax-free bonds issued by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. These new cottages will house 56 children and the goal of our Home is to provide facilities and programs for a total population of 200 children. The long-range plans call for the construction of a total of 25 modern fully equipped cottages and the renovation of the existing cottages and the construction of a spacious pavilion for hosting Home and community events. The Vision Campaign is not just about facilities, but includes expanded and enhanced educational, recreational, and counseling programs for our children.

Our direct care staff has received extensive training in dealing with the problems of caring for our children. The addition of clinical professionals to our staff has greatly improved the quality of counseling that is available to our children, as well as their families with the overall goal of promoting improved mental health. Our campus pastor is heavily involved in the daily lives of our children to provide the religious training and support necessary to help our children experience a Christian homelike environment. Over the past year we have improved the quality of care provided to our current population of 107 children. We have increased the staff-to-child ratio and 25 new full-time staff members have been added. Our goal is to provide the highest quality residential childcare programs possible. Great strides have been made in the area of medical care that is provided for our children, as currently 90% of our children are covered by Medicaid and our campus clinics have greatly reduced infirmity stays. As we work to improve the quality of care we provide, we have significantly improved the working conditions for our staff. The addition of personnel and expanded programming makes it necessary that we increase the annual operating budget of the Home.

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is the oldest child care facility in the

state of North Carolina and is truly one of our state's most valued treasures. Throughout the past 130 years, we have provided long term residential childcare for over 20,000 children and as Masons, we have an obligation to see that this legacy of caring continues into the future. Our mission is imperative. The Board of Directors of MHCO, the administration, and the staff have accepted the challenge and it should become the goal of every Mason in North Carolina to become a part of the excitement that is taking place at Oxford. We must spread the news! We must embark on new marketing programs across the state and country and tell our story and solicit support for the many exciting happenings at our Home. Fundraising is essential, as we set out to raise \$7 million dollars for the first phase of construction. Contacts are being made both within the fraternity and outside as all possible sources of funding are being explored. We are sure that the Masons of North Carolina will rise to the occasion and provide the leadership and support to see the Vision become a reality. We must never lose sight of the one essential factor that keeps our vision alive – the lives and futures of our children.

In addition to the information above that was provided to us by the directors of the various departments of the Home, our committee enjoyed a tour of the campus, and reviewed varied management reports. Although our review was limited in scope, we are confident that the operation of our Home is in good hands. As Masons in North Carolina, we have been entrusted with stewardship for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and we must shoulder the responsibility of providing the necessary support for its capital projects, as well as its annual operating needs.

Our committee wishes to thank Brother David Grissom and his management team who were so courteous and helpful during our visit and for the assistance they provided in the preparation of our report. Most importantly, the Masons of North Carolina owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to every member of the staff at MHCO for their untiring love, care, devotion, and commitment to the children who we have entrusted to their care.

Respectively,
Gene T. Jernigan, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Proposed amendments to *The Code* contained therein are found along with their disposition in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Report of the Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

The following report was received and entered on the record. The recommendation that the Grand Lodge continue its membership was adopted, and the matter of finances was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters, was held at the Hilton Milwaukee Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 18, 2002, and was attended by your representative. The annual business of the Association was conducted including reports from the various committees and the election of officers and representatives.

This majestic Masonic memorial was erected to honor the memory of our greatest citizen and Freemason, George Washington, and belongs to all the grand lodges of the United States and thus to all the Freemasons of this great nation. The active membership of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association consists of the 52 grand masters of the United States and Puerto Rico, who are the voting delegates and ultimate authority of the Association.

The Memorial is in historic Alexandria, Virginia, and was dedicated on May 12, 1932. It is open daily with free admission to the public and attracts thousands of visitors each year with guided tours through one of the most impressive Masonic edifices in the world. Lodges and other Masonic groups are encouraged to visit the Memorial with pre-arranged tours scheduled by appointment. The executive secretary-treasurer is Brother George D. Seghers, whose office is located in the Memorial.

I make the following recommendations:

1. That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina continue its membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
2. That the *The North Carolina Mason* be used to published appropriate articles about the Memorial for the edification and information of the Craft.
3. That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina increase its contributions to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial as funds become available.

Respectfully submitted,

L.R. "Pete" Thomas Jr., PGM, Representative

Report of the Representative to the Masonic Service Association

The following report was received and entered on the record. The recommendation that the Grand Lodge continue its membership was adopted, and the matter of finances was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina

The 83rd Annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters, was held at the Hilton Milwaukee Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 17, 2002, and was attended by your representative.

Reports of the various programs of the Masonic Service Association including the Hospital Volunteer Program, Disaster Relief and the Masonic Information Center were

distributed to the grand masters attending the Conference. It was evident from the reports that the Masonic Service Association continues to be a most valuable instrument of service to the Craft.

The MSA Hospital Visitation Program provides a valuable service to hospitalized veterans throughout the nation. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina can be justly proud of those Masons who serve as volunteers at the VA Medical Centers in Fayetteville, Durham, Salisbury, and Asheville. They truly exemplify and put into practice the teachings of our gentle Craft.

MSA Disaster Relief appeals were made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for assistance because of the tornadoes that struck in January 2001. Also, an appeal was made on behalf of the Grand Lodges of New York and Virginia to help in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The Masonic Information Center continues to provide an important and vital service to Freemasonry in its responses to unfounded anti-Masonic allegations. The publication of booklets and brochures by the MIC explain Freemasonry in a clear, factual and concise manner and receive wide distribution.

It is recommended that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina continue its membership in The Masonic Service Association and its support of the Masonic Visitation Program at the VA Medical Centers in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
L.R. "Pete" Thomas Jr., PGM, Representative

Petition for Restoration

A Petition for Restoration of DCT, formerly a member of Jefferson Penn Lodge No. 384, Reidsville, was read, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The petition was approved. See Report of the Committee on Appeals of these Proceedings for action taken thereon.

Petition for Restoration

A Petition for Restoration of WRT, formerly a member of Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705, Kinston, was read, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The petition was approved. See Report of the Committee on Appeals of these Proceedings for action taken thereon.

Petition for Restoration

A Petition for Restoration of BHB, formerly a member of Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 267, was read, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The petition was approved. See Report of the Committee on Appeals of these Proceedings for action taken thereon.

Petition for Restoration

A Petition for Restoration of GEL, formerly a member of Union Lodge No. 618, Midland, was read, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The petition was approved. See Report of the Committee on Appeals of these Proceedings for action taken thereon.

The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

The following report of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc. was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of General Purposes:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Statements of Financial Position**December 31, 2001 and 2000**

	ASSETS	
	2001	2000
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,247,278	\$ 1,875,502
Time Deposits	500,000	500,000
Accrued interest and dividends	29,451	39,463
Marketable securities	<u>13,128,084</u>	<u>12,610,572</u>
Total current assets	14,904,813	15,025,537
OTHER ASSETS:		
Real estate	<u>243,200</u>	<u>85,200</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,148,013</u>	<u>\$ 15,110,737</u>
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Due to beneficiaries	\$ 93,000	\$ 201,984
CONTINGENCIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	14,715,273	14,809,769
Permanently restricted	<u>339,740</u>	<u>98,984</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,055,013</u>	<u>14,908,753</u>
Total current liabilities and net assets	<u>\$15,148,013</u>	<u>\$ 15,110,737</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	2001	2000
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Revenue, gains and other support:		
Interest and dividends	\$442,386	\$445,809
Contributions received	161,790	243,967
Net realized gain on sales of securities	662,173	871,182
Net unrealized loss on securities held	<u>(924,261)</u>	<u>(1,642,675)</u>
Total revenue, gains and other support	<u>342,088</u>	<u>(81,717)</u>
Expenses and distributions to beneficiaries:		
Distributions to related beneficiaries	363,440	581,532
Fund-raising expenses (Development program)	51,208	47,826
Scholarships	4,150	
Management and general expenses	<u>17,786</u>	<u>10,769</u>
Total expenses and distributions to beneficiaries	<u>436,584</u>	<u>640,127</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(94,496)</u>	<u>(721,844)</u>

CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

Contributions received	239,506	47,209
Investment income	3,612	3,066
Distributions	<u>(2,362)</u>	<u>(2,550)</u>

INCREASE IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	<u>240,756</u>	<u>47,725</u>
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

146,260	(674,119)
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NET ASSETS:

Beginning of year	<u>14,908,753</u>	<u>15,582,872</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 15,055,013</u>	<u>\$ 14,908,753</u>

Report of the Grand Historian

The following report of the Grand Historian was received, and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Anniversaries are times for thoughtful reflection, times which afford us the opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, times in which we are challenged to dream and plan for the future. In celebrating an anniversary, President John F. Kennedy once reminded us that while "it is essential from time to time, that we pay tribute to past greatness and historic achievement... we would betray the very cause we honor if we did not now look to the future as well." The 215th Annual Communication of North Carolina Masons in September 2002 will afford us ample opportunities for both celebration and challenge.

While completing research for the first volume of a history of my home county of Cabarrus, I have been reminded almost daily of the dominant role played by North Carolina Masons in guiding our state both through the unsettled years of the American Revolution and through the beginnings of state government. As the Grand Lodge display on Tar Heel Masons in the American Revolution reminds us, we have much to celebrate. In his classic essay, "The Masonic Revolutionary Patriots of North Carolina," Marshall DeLancey Haywood, past grand historian of North Carolina Masons, wrote that "in no one of the thirteen colonies did the order number among its members more patriotic military and political leaders than those who lived in North Carolina." (Grand Lodge *Proceedings* 1938). North Carolina Masons take justifiable pride in Revolutionary leaders such as Cornelius Harnett, who served as deputy provincial grand master under Joseph Montfort, and whose unabated resistance to British tyranny led to his death as a British prisoner. Revolutionary annals are filled with similar stories of patriotic sacrifice. The wartime Committees of Safety were led by Masons as were the Provincial Congresses. Provincial Congress Presidents Samuel Johnston and Richard Caswell later served as grand masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, along with Revolutionary military leaders William R. Davie and William Polk. Caswell also served the state as its first governor. Haywood also proudly notes that all three North Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence — Joseph Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and John Penn — were Masons. As I travel over the state in the course of my work, historical markers and monuments remind me of the debt we owe those early patriots.

Just as these are times for celebration, however, so they are times in which we must respond to an array of challenges. Our responses will both inform and shape the direction of the craft in the decade ahead. Even as the New Jersey Grand Lodge becomes the 35th American grand lodge to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge,

debate and discord over the issue continues in North Carolina lodges. It appears likely that the position of Past Deputy Grand Master William L. Mills III, on the recognition issue significantly contributed to his failure to win election as grand master of North Carolina Masons. Proposed amendments to *The Code* which relate to the Prince Hall controversy include proposals submitted by subordinate lodges that would limit the power of the North Carolina Grand Lodge to recognize other grand lodges, that would take away the power of the master of a lodge to decide if a visitor could sit in the lodge meeting, and a proposal that would allow the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to share its territorial jurisdiction by compact.

Addressing other important issues, other amendments would lower the age for an applicant to eighteen years, rather than the current twenty-one, would allow alcoholic beverages to be served in the Masonic buildings at non-Masonic functions, and would allow dances to be held in lodges.

Change is often uncomfortable, both for individuals and institutions, and Masonry shares that discomfort with both religious and governmental institutions as they also struggle through the wilderness of a new century. Although we can look to the experiences and examples of those who have gone before us, every generation must find its own way through the forest. In a broad sense, debate over future direction is a healthy thing, insofar as it causes us to re-examine our core Masonic values and beliefs. Even as we search for documents that would complete the history of our first lodges and our formative days, even as we erect monuments and sponsor displays of historical items, we are reminded that we are ourselves writing Masonic history as we struggle to answer difficult questions posed by the demands of a new age. The weighty decisions we make will guide not only our generation, but all those who come after. Our responsibility to those who have gone before us — and upon whose shoulders we stand — requires that as we reason together and gather to vote on the questions before us, we act deliberately and prayerfully, in the spirit of charity, brotherly love and understanding that is at the very heart of Masonry. So mote it be!

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Horton, Grand Historian

The Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*

The following report of the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason* was received and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Our *North Carolina Mason* is, and continues to be, one of the outstanding Masonic papers in the country, reaching over 55,000 Masons in North Carolina and many Masons in other jurisdictions. It has always been the goal of our editor, Ric Carter, and the Board of Publications, to present the views of our members in an unbiased manner, whether they be the popular or minority viewpoint. We are grateful for contributing members for their enthusiasm, interest, and cooperation in the submission of pictures and articles on lodge activities for printing which helps make our paper the high quality publication that you, as members, deserve. However, this section of the paper, ever so interesting to the Craft, can improve if a little extra time is taken to insure that the camera is in proper focus.

Have you noticed that your *North Carolina Mason* does not have an address label and is now bar coded; that the name and address are printed directly on the paper; and that there are tabs to hold the paper together? This operation has proved to be very efficient for us and has enabled us to underspend our postage budget item by approximately \$4,000.00; and this includes the postage increases made effective in 2002. Bar coding the paper has improved its delivery. The Post Office has to do

minimum handling; the size of *The North Carolina Mason* is the maximum size of a First Class Letter; it is addressed like a letter; and it can thereby be sorted with First Class mail for delivery. This makes for a more timely delivery to the Brethren.

Mailing of *The North Carolina Mason* has a side advantage in that it keeps up with our members when they relocate and forget to notify their lodge. Changes of address are given to the Post Office and often to no one else. Remember, Bulk Mail cannot be forwarded, but senders can be notified. This information is fed back to the School of Graphic Arts for updating. Currently this operation is being changed from hard copy return of papers to electronic returns for further cost reductions and internal labor savings,

It is a continuing concern of your Board of Publications to exercise good stewardship in keeping costs down without sacrificing information flow or quality. The content of *The North Carolina Mason* has improved again this year, and each Brother is receiving his paper timely and at the lowest postal rate. We have reduced the postage budget some for 2003, but there is another postage increase scheduled for 2003. The budget will not reflect potential savings until they become real. We will underspend our 2002 postal budget as forecast and should underspend the 2003 postal budget. However the amount is unknown since the amount of the 2003 bulk rate postage is unknown.

We wish to thank our Grand Lodge officers for their help and support. The School of Graphic Arts of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford deserves special recognition for their outstanding service,

Do you need to read an article in *The North Carolina Mason*, but your copy has been misplaced? The Grand Lodge website, <http://www.grandlodge-nc.org>, will have a copy on file that you can access through the Internet. The Board of Publication budget supports the website — “Electronic Publication.”

We hope that you get as much joy out of *The North Carolina Mason* as we do in keeping the means working so that you can be kept well informed. We have had a great year! Everything is working as it should, and more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie H. Moody Jr., Chairman

Petition of Pioneer Lodge No. 685 To Change Its Name

The following petition for Pioneer Lodge No. 685 to change its name was received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Whereas, Pioneer Lodge No. 685 and Piedmont Lodge No. 711 have merged into one lodge and by rule is known as Pioneer Lodge No. 685 AF & AM, and

Whereas, the consolidated lodge meets in the same building as the two lodges have been meeting, and

Whereas, the lodge would like the name to represent both lodges, and

Whereas, the consolidated lodge has approved by resolution to change the name of the consolidated lodge to Piedmont Pioneer Lodge No. 685 AF & AM.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Pioneer Lodge No. 685 AF & AM, hereby petitions the Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina to change the name of the consolidated lodge to read: Piedmont Pioneer Lodge No. 685 AF & AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pioneer Lodge No. 685 AF & AM
Donald S. Gaither, Master
Frank L. Collins, Secretary

Petition for Charter

The following Petition for Charter was received from Wilkerson College U.D. and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

The subscribers hereto respectfully represent that, on the twenty-eighth day of June, AD 2002; AL 5002, a dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina for the establishment of a new lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at Greensboro in the county of Guilford, by the name of Wilkerson College Lodge, and that said lodge has worked regularly since that time as appears from the transcript of its records, by-laws, and returns herewith presented.

They, therefore, now pray that a charter be granted to the said lodge, with the following officers, to-wit: Brother H. Lloyd Wilkerson, master; Brother Joseph M. Jayson, senior warden; and Brother Brandon E. Scott, junior warden. And they do promise, as heretofore, a strict conformity to the edicts of the Grand Master, and the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands on this the seventh day of September, AD 2002; AL 6002.

The members of Wilkerson College Lodge UD

Report of the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

The following report of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities was received and entered on the record, and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities is happy to report that fundraising among the Lodges in North Carolina has been going very well since our last communication. Many of the lodges have taken advantage of the generosity their communities and raised money for our worthy charities.

Since our last report, September of 2001, the following contributions have been reported.

\$93,521.41 — Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

\$49,623.56 — Masonic and Eastern Star Home

\$10,200.00 — MESH Care Center

\$32,815.15 — Masonic Foundation

\$51,474.72 — Local Charities

We continue to remind lodges that we *must* always be in compliance with Reg. 32-12 and Reg. 77-1 of *The Code*. If the masters of the lodges will see that their fund-raising chairmen are well versed in these regulations and are using their proper forms in a timely manner, we will continue to see good fund-raising results.

Fraternally submitted,
Neal Combs, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Masonic Education

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Education was received, and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is the opinion of the Committee on Masonic Education that much of the success of the 2001 session of the Grand Lodge was due to the information the delegates had derived from the Summer Seminars and third quarter *Lodge Night Program*. With that in mind the committee opted to repeat these same programs in 2002. In addition, upcoming *Lodge Night Programs* will contain more information concerning duties of the officers of the lodge.

The Committee continues to use the 41 District Education Seminar format and feels that the open discussion possible in these small groups has added to the effectiveness of the seminars. We would like to thank those who are not members of the committee but come to our assistance on a routine basis. Without their help the seminars would be impossible.

We would also like to express our thanks for the many positive comments we have received about the *Lodge Night Program*. We realize that some lodges feel they have no need for the additional resource, but the lodges who do avail themselves of the programs have openly stated how much the 10-15 minute discussion add to their meetings. These comments and expressions make the effort well worthwhile. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Weatherington, Chairman

Masonic Public Relations Committee

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Public Relations was received, and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Public Relations has been again active in the continuing billboard program that allows us to place these boards at various locations in the State. The board locations are donated by the various advertising companies and our only costs is supplying the paper. Our former chairman, Jim Reddish, is the person responsible for the start of this program and we thank him for his efforts.

We also reviewed the Lodge Open House program and with some modifications, sent this to the Board of General Purposes for review. We have begun the process to review and re-issue our Grand Lodge membership brochure with a goal of having this in our lodges during the first quarter of 2003. It has been my pleasure to work with the brothers appointed to this committee. I thank them for their dedication to our craft.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. John Elmore, Chairman

Report of Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations

The following report of the Grand Master's Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations was received and entered on the record and the portion pertaining to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is my pleasure to update you on some of the activities of our Masonic youth organizations during the past year. I encourage you to get involved with a DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly, or Job's Daughter Bethel in your area. You will be glad you did.

Job's Daughters

Connie Williams is serving as jurisdictional guardian, the adult leader of the Job's Daughters in the Carolinas. Currently serving as Miss Carolina Job's Daughter is Carla Batchelor, and her sister Jaci Batchelor is currently serving as jurisdictional Bethel honor queen for the Carolinas. Both Carla and Jaci are members of the Raleigh Bethel. Last September, the Job's Daughters in the Carolinas presented a check for \$2,000 to a young girl as a part of their continued support to the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment fund (H.I.K.E.). In July, Irene Birbeck, Past Miss International Congeniality, attended this year's Supreme Session in Australia as a representative from North Carolina. The annual meeting for the Job's Daughters in the Carolinas is being held in late September.

Rainbows

Kay Letterman continues to serve as supreme deputy, the adult leader of the International Order of the Rainbows for Girls in North Carolina. In June, Amy Harp, from the Raleigh Assembly, was installed grand worthy advisor at this year's Grand Assembly. Amy has many activities planned for Rainbow throughout the next year. Rachel Klenovic, from Gastonia Assembly, was installed grand worthy associate advisor for the 2002-2003 year. The Winston-Salem Assembly received honors as Assembly of the Year. Charities and projects supported by the Rainbow in North Carolina this year include the Ronald McDonald House, Susan Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Etrulia H. Taylor and Estella M. Bell scholarship funds in North Carolina.

DeMolay

In January, the adult leadership of DeMolay in North Carolina shifted from Tim Shermer to Chuck Rouse. Chuck is now serving as executive officer with Frank Silber serving as the deputy executive officer. Allen Spain Jr. is currently leading DeMolay in North Carolina as state master councilor along with Steven Gourley, who is serving as deputy state master councilor. Both of these young men are members of the Greensboro Chapter. North Carolina DeMolay is also experimenting with several new ideas to improve communications and keep activity levels high.

In the midst of headlines filled with stories of adults violating the trust of various organizations and taking abusive actions with respect to young people, DeMolay International decided to take a more proactive approach to protecting the young men in DeMolay from adults with inappropriate intentions. Specifically, DeMolay International has added a background check to its screening process for advisors. During this past year, background checks were performed on all adults currently serving as advisors and are now standard procedure before admitting new DeMolay advisors. Each advisor must also attend an annual meeting with the executive officer or his designee. Unfortunately, while this policy certainly has good intentions and may

be necessary in today's environment, the increased advisor registration fees that are now required in order to perform background checks, along with the necessity of attending the annual meeting, have substantially reduced DeMolay's advisor base. Many adults that are not actively involved on a regular basis, but participate from time to time, have decided not to pay the additional registration fee or have been unable to attend the annual meeting.

Masonic Youth Day

This year's Masonic Youth Day was held September 21, and was once again planned by young leaders of each organization (Steven Gourley, Michelle Hall, and Carla Batchelor), with assistance from members of this Committee. This event included a huge caravan across the state, fun activities, and even a dance on the USS North Carolina Battleship. The event was a daylong affair, but it started for different groups at different times, depending on where they were located. Stops were made in Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro, Raleigh, and finally Wilmington. At each stop, Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters, and Job's Daughter Bethels in the nearby area assembled into teams, and completed a "mission." A mission consisted of certain competitive activities which encouraged each team to work together in a fun and constructive manner. After each mission, the group traveled caravan style to the next stop, growing in number as the day continued. After the final mission in Wilmington, everyone headed over to the Battleship North Carolina for a dance. Most of the funding needed for the event was made possible by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. St. Johns Lodge No. 1 and Orient Lodge No. 395 in Wilmington also assisted by allowing those wishing to stay overnight in Wilmington to stay at their lodges in a lock-in style sleepover. In addition, thanks to support from Phyllis Haase and the Eastern Star Chapters in the Wilmington area, dinner was made available at no cost to all those in attendance. This event continues to be a great success bringing together all of our youth organizations, and we hope to see it continue in the future.

N.C. Masonic Foundation Scholarship

Thanks to continued funding from the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, we were able to award three scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, to deserving young applicants that are members of our Masonic youth organizations. Those receiving scholarships this year include Carla Batchelor, Ashley McGinnis, and Michelle Hall. The Committee believes this scholarship is an extremely beneficial program and sincerely hopes we will be able to continue offering it to deserving members of our Masonic youth organizations.

Proposed Amendment to The Code

Amendment Group 6, which will be acted on at this year's Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, proposes to lower the minimum age to petition a lodge to eighteen. This Committee expresses no opinion regarding whether this amendment should be approved. However, it has come to the attention of the Committee that some misinformation is circulating regarding the age at which a member reaches majority in our Masonic youth organizations. Specifically, we have heard comments that approval of this amendment would "bridge the gap" between DeMolays currently aging out at 18 but not being permitted to join Masonry until reaching 21. As such, we wish to advise those voting on this amendment that DeMolays do not reach majority until they reach 21 years of age. As such, approval of this amendment would not bridge any gap, but would overlap the current age division. In addition, the Committee is also aware of some potential logistical issues that could be raised if the amendment is approved, including the possibility of an 18-year-old Mason acting as an advisor for a 19- or 20-year-old DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughter.

Assistance

Our Masonic youth organizations are facing many challenges. Each organization continues to retain a core group of dedicated adult leaders and some of the brightest, most impressive boys and girls in our community. However, they need to increase membership and they need our support.

While each organization is extremely appreciative of the existing financial assistance it already receives from the Grand Lodge, I urge each of you to search for ways in which you and your lodge can assist our Masonic youth groups. They need Masons to send their children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and those of their friends, to join these youth groups. They need Masons to serve as advisors and role models for these young individuals who are the future leaders of our lodges and Masonic organizations. They need Masonic lodges to sponsor new chapters, bethels and assemblies. They need sponsors for events and programs. Any kind of assistance you can offer is welcome, and would be greatly appreciated. With your help, the future growth of our Masonic youth organizations, and the future of Masonry, can be ensured.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank E. Silber, Chairman

Report of the North Carolina Masonic Development Program

The following report of the North Carolina Masonic Development Program was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of General Purposes:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The year 2001 was the seventh year of the Development Program for our North Carolina Masonic Charities and our charities recorded another year in excess of \$2,000,000. The tragic events of 9/11 changed the world, then and now. However, the Masons, friends, and supporters of our NC Masonic Charities would not be diverted from their purpose and charge. When all across the nation many other charities suffered a loss for the year in annual contributions, we, our children and elder adults, saw growth.

The Grand Masters Five Star Program was again an overwhelming success. One hundred and thirty-four lodges qualified and participated in this support program sending over \$996,000 to our charities. Of the 134 Five Star Lodges, forty-five lodges were new to the program. Moreover, fifteen of the original twenty-one lodges maintained Five Star status and became 2001 Platinum II recipients—the highest recognition level of the program!

The charities from all development fund recognition sources reported the following results: The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, \$461,003.03; The Masonic and Eastern Star Home, \$990,883.36; and The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, \$1,253,537.00; for a total Annual Fund of \$2,705,423.39 for the year 2001. That equates to a 10% increase over year 2000.

To be sure, allow me to take this opportunity and thank the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc. for the great Masonic work they perform. These five men, under the leadership of Charles E. Scott Jr., chairman and president; along with, John N. Belk, James R. Goodman Jr., James G. Martin, and David B. Wilson manage and invest the portfolios of our North Carolina Masonic Charities and the Grand Lodge.

For the Foundation alone, in 1994 the net assets were approximately \$7.3 million. Since that time the Foundation Board of Directors have managed these assets and

accomplished a net realized capital gain from the sell of securities of approximately \$7.6 million coupled with annual contributions of \$2.4 million. Thus, year ending assets for 2001 were \$15.1; reflecting per annum growth in excess of 11% for the 7-year period.

Moreover, and just as importantly, the Masons in North Carolina should be proud of their North Carolina Charities. The Masonic and Eastern Star Home serves over 230 residents. MESH performs more charitable good-works today than ever before in its long Masonic and Eastern Star history. The skilled nursing, intermediate care, assisted, and independent living facilities are “state-of-the-art” and beautiful places to live.

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is one of a very few Masonic children’s homes remaining in the United States today. At any given day MHC serves over 100 children. The New Vision, “Making Room for Every Heart,” will bring this wonderful Masonic facility up to the 21st Century and allow us to serve more North Carolina kids. We are the only long-term child care facility in the state. And for 130 years we have never diverted from the original mission and purpose, “to educate, train, and care for all disadvantaged children.”

In total, the Masons of North Carolina provide long-term health and living care for over 330 children and elder adults with our two facilities. This health and living care could not be accomplished without your financial support. Thank you for fulfilling your Masonic obligations and may God Bless each and every one of you; and, may God Bless our great country.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Medlin, Director of Development

Report of the Board of Custodians

The following report of the Board of Custodians was received, and entered on the record:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Custodians for the year 2002 is comprised of the following members: Joseph L. Robertson Jr., grand lecturer; Dalton W. Mayo, chairman; J. Luigi Ammons, secretary; Howard M. Overcash, John V. Evans Jr., Robert D. Street, and H. Wayne Cox. Douglas S. Moore serves as a liaison between the Board of Custodians and the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of Custodians has held five meetings thus far during this Masonic calendar year. The priority of this year’s agenda has been incorporating the OSW revisions into the new OSW and proofing the changes. This was a time-consuming project that could not be hurried and therefore took several months to complete. The Board members shared equally in the proofing to find as many mistakes as possible. The chairman, Dalton Mayo, spent numerous hours coordinating with the Masonic Home for Children’s School of Graphic Arts on the changes. The new book finally reached the production stage in late spring and was turned over to the Masonic Home for Children’s School of Graphic Arts for production. The new book is in the final stage of production at this time and is expected to be available for sale at the 2002 Annual Communication.

The next major project of the Board of Custodians is reprinting the *Vocabulary*. There were a few minor changes made in the OSW revision that necessitated additional words to be added in the *Vocabulary*. The current supply of *Vocabularies* has been exhausted for several months. The new ones will be printed and distributed to lodge secretaries later this year when they become available.

The Board of Custodians approved a new CD that can be used in conjunction with the lectures. Many certified lecturers currently use slides with their lectures and the new CD adds a further dimension to benefit the candidate.

The Board continues to work with the district deputy grand lecturers in conducting

Schools of Instruction in their respective districts. The changes that were approved last year appear to be working well in most districts. It allows more time for the DDGL to explain the “red work” and answer questions about the ritual. It also allows time to include topics that are not covered in the schools such as the funeral service, balloting, examining visitors, duties of the investigating committee, etc.

This year the certified lecture examinations were held again in August. The dates for this year’s examinations were set for August 19-23 in the areas of Greenville, Clinton, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Asheville. Eight new certified lecturers were added to the roster this year, however a few did not rec-certify due to health reasons. The average age of the certified lecturers continues to rise and the losses are more frequent than in previous years. A new roster for certified lecturers will be published following the examinations and distributed to the certified lecturers and subordinate lodges.

The Board of Custodians would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett for his support to the Board during his year as grand master, to Joseph L. Robertson Jr. for his efforts as grand lecturer, and to Walt Clapp, grand secretary, for his valuable assistance and guidance during the year. The Board of Custodians would also like to express their appreciation to the 41 district deputy grand lecturers of this grand jurisdiction who have served Masonry well and supported the decisions of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luigi Ammons, Secretary

Resolution to Change the Order of Business

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the present Order of Business of the annual communication was adopted in 1995, and

WHEREAS, *The Code* allows for changes in the order of business by delegates, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Craft to perform its business in an efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the business of the Grand Lodge varies from year to year in an unpredictable fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the order of business of the Grand Lodge at Annual Communication be set by the Grand Master where appropriate and in such a manner as may best serve the Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary

Final Report

of

**Grand Master
William G. Mathis**

Year 2001

**Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of North Carolina**

Final Report of Past Grand Master

William G. Mathis

Most Worshipful Brother William G. Mathis, past grand master of Masons in North Carolina delivered the following report, of which portions were referred to the Board of General Purposes. See the Report of the Board of General Purposes of these *Proceedings* for distribution of this report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

Brethren on September 28, 2001, I welcomed you to the the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at the Annual Communication. I presented my report of activities to that date and told you my full report would be presented in December.

The following is my full report to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

I would like to submit this "Log of Doings of the Grand Master."

December

Attended the installation of the Grand Lodge officers in Wilmington at the Scottish Rite Temple. Dedicated the new lodge for Orient Lodge 395 in Wilmington, my first official act as grand master. Conferred the second section of the Master Mason's Degree in an outdoor degree for my own lodge, King Solomon Lodge 138. Had dinner with Marvin Chambers, Prince Hall Grand Master for North Carolina, in Durham. Attended the Board of Custodians in Raleigh and the Shrine Bowl in Charlotte. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

January

Installed the lodge officers of Hiram Lodge 98, Pythagorus Lodge 249, Oak Island Lodge 758, Greenville Lodge 284, Crown Point Lodge 708, William Pitt Lodge 734, and Shallotte Lodge 727. Attended the installation of St. John's Lodge 13 and my own lodge, King Solomon Lodge 138, where I was the speaker at the dinner preceding the installation. Held area meetings with the district deputy grand masters and district deputy grand lecturers in Skewarkie Lodge 90, Hiram Lodge 98, Columbus Lodge 102, Waynesville Lodge 259, and Statesville Lodge 27. Dedicated lodge marquee for Cherryville Lodge 505 in Cherryville. Held district meetings in Districts 4, 16, and 23. Held officers' conference call. Redistricted state from 65 to 41 districts. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

February

Lunch with Marvin Chambers, Prince Hall Grand Master for North Carolina. Held district meetings in Districts 20, 6, 7, 13, 8, 21, 14, 22, and 15. Spoke at Blue Lodge Night for National Sojourners in Jacksonville. Chaired the quarterly board meeting for both the Masonic Home for Children and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Boards. Attended the unveiling of the grand master's portrait at my lodge, King Solomon Lodge 138. Attended the Wilmington Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Sweetheart Banquet. Attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Phoenix, Arizona. Held officers' meeting. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

March

Held district meetings in Districts 25, 30, 26, 31, 29, 36, 11, and 12. Attended Knight Masons Banquet in New Bern. Chaired Board of General Purposes and held officers' meeting. Held first meeting of the Fraternal Relations Commission in Greensboro. Attended school of instruction for 12th District. Attended Scottish Rite Spring Reunion in Wilmington. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

April

Visited Clemmons Lodge 715 at the invitation of my friend and brother Herb Thomas. Held district meetings in Districts 9, 19, 10, 5, 1, 2, 3, 18, 17, and 35. Dedicated new lodge for Stedman Lodge 730. Visited VA Hospitals in Durham and Fayetteville with Marvin Chambers, Prince Hall Grand Master for North Carolina. Attended Scottish Rite Annual Chicken Fry in Wilmington. Held officers' conference call. Attended Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunrise Service at Wilmington Scottish Rite Temple. Master of second section of Master's Degree in Liberty Lodge 714 for Grand Steward David Cash's son D. R. Cash. Attended the Grand Lodge of South Carolina Annual Communication in Columbia, South Carolina. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

May

Chaired quarterly meeting for both Masonic Home for Children and Masonic and Eastern Star Home Boards. Visited VA Hospital at Oteen with Marvin Chambers, Prince Hall Grand Master for North Carolina. Visited VA Hospital at Salisbury. Held district meetings in Districts 37, 34, 33, 24, 27, 32, 28, 41, 40, 38, and 39. Took seniors from Masonic Home for Children out to dinner. Spoke at Past Master's Night at Rolesville Lodge 683. Held officers' meeting. Attended World Conference of Grand Lodges in Madrid, Spain. Lunch at Asheville Scottish Rite Temple. Inducted into the York Rite College in New Bern. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

June

Officers conference call. Visited Montgomery Lodge 426 at the invitation of Brother James Murphy, Master. Attended Legislators Reception in Raleigh. Chaired special meeting of the Masonic Home for Children Board. Visited Orient Lodge 395. Spoke at Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Attended St. John's Day in Oxford. Attended St. John's Worship Service at West View United Methodist Church. Gave keynote address at opening of Masonic Home Executives of North America Conference in Greensboro. Attended Rainbow Grand Assembly. Attended meeting of Russian Delegation for Child Care at Oxford. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

July

Attended dedication of Freedom Shrine at the Masonic Home for Children by the Exchange Club of Raleigh. Gave Grand Master's Address at York Rite Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley. Attended Finance Committee meeting. Held officers' meeting. Chaired Board of General Purposes. Visited Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in Toronto, Canada. Spoke at National Sojourners at Fayetteville. Visited St. John's Lodge for Third Degree, raised Cliff Mabry. Visited Eno Lodge 210 to present 75-year certificate to a 102-year-old member, Brother Britt. Revisited District 18. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

August

Hosted Southeastern Masonic Conference in Charlotte. Chaired quarterly meeting of both Masonic Home for Children and Masonic and Eastern Star Home boards. Attended Eblins Cave Degree near Kingston, Tennessee where Charles M. Setzer Lodge 693 of Charlotte conferred the Master's Degree. Attended Certified Lecturer's Luncheon in Clinton. Attended Strategic Planning Committee in Raleigh. Attended workshop for Scottish Rite in Greensboro. Attended reception for DeVonna and me at Surf Club at Wrightsville Beach. Attended several Education Committee Work Shops. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

September

Attended Area Meeting in Maxton. Spoke at Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Meeting. Chaired Board of General Purposes. Presided over Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Attended Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in Charleston, SC. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

October

Attended Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in Charleston, SC. Spoke at Sunday Service in the York Rite Chapel for Alumni Weekend at Oxford. Attended Masonic Unity Challenge in Charlotte. Visited Tabor Lodge 563 unannounced. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

November

Luncheon speaker for National Sojourners Regional Meeting on board the Battleship North Carolina. Chaired quarterly Board Meeting for both Masonic Home for Children and Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Spoke at ground breaking for new cottages at Oxford. Lunch with Marvin Chambers, Prince Hall Grand Master for North Carolina. Attended dinner and presentation of 25-year certificate for me from the Wilmington York Rite Bodies. Spoke at Ladies Night for Scotland Neck Lodge 689. Spoke at Sanford Scottish Rite Club Dinner. Visited Mingo Lodge 206. Visited the District Grand Lodge of The Bahamas, SC in Nassau, the Bahamas. Presented Sam Hennis with 60-year pin in Granite Lodge 322. Worked in office at home and in Raleigh.

December

Spoke at 150-year anniversary of the chartering of King Solomon Lodge 138. Attended dinner for Grand Lodge Officers in Manteo. Attended installation of Grand Lodge Officers in Manteo. Worked in office at home. Brethren, I leave you with the same charge that every slate of officers has had. Do your best to do your duty for our Gentle Craft as God leads you to understand it. I love you all and will sorely miss each of you. My life is richer by being allowed to labor in the quarries of Masonry with you. We have wrought a good work, yet there is still much to be done. God Bless. Psalm 133.

End of Log of Doings of the Grand Master.

Joseph Montfort Medal:

It gave me great personal pleasure to present the following brethren with the prestigious and highest award that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina can bestow upon one of its own. Brother Starkey Shaw, Brother Ronnie Stewart, and Brother Ralph Weaver. I trust that this in some way acknowledges and recognizes the labors you have wrought in the quarries of Freemasonry. May God always hold you in his hand, my brothers.

Order No. 1

It has been brought to my attention by the Grand Secretary's office that Junaluskee Lodge No. 145 rejected CET for affiliation on February 20, 2001 without waiting 28 days between receiving the application and balloting.

The ballot taken on February 20, 2001, is clearly illegal under the positive language of Regulation 75-11.1B of *The Code*, and is, therefore, NULL and VOID.

Since the Grand Master is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind, I hereby order a re-ballot to Junaluskee Lodge No. 145 at the stated communication to be held on May 15, 2001. As required by Regulation 68-8.2 all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days' notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the reballot and the time and place therefor.

This order shall be read to the lodge at the next stated communication, entered on the minutes of that communication and a proper notation made on the margin of the minutes for February 20, 2001, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Rocky Point, North Carolina, this 18th day of April, 2001.

Order No. 2

The Grand Secretary has forwarded to me the file on Brother KSC, Entered Apprentice in your lodge. From the information supplied, Brother KSC was initiated in your lodge on August 2, 1999 and subsequently passed his proficiency August 23, 1999. He then moved to Brownsville, Texas without continuing his degree work. In April 2001, Brother KSC requested to complete his degrees and was informed that he would need to fill out a form titled Application for Advancement after six months. The lodge read the application and after the required waiting period, it was rejected.

The ballot taken on June 11, 2001 is clearly illegal under the positive language of Regulation 73-8 of *The Code*, and is, therefore, NULL and VOID.

The candidate is not in default, but he cannot be advanced until he again shows proficiency by examination in open lodge. No application or ballot shall be required in such a case, and he shall be entitled to the privileges of the highest degree he has attained.

Given under my hand and seal at Rocky Point, North Carolina, this 24th day of August, 2001.

Order No. 3

In response to your lodge's request that I review the orders that were previously issued by Grand Master Charles Ingram and the request from the former secretary of the Lowell Lodge No. 590 for his honorarium, I appointed a committee to investigate the complaints.

Then Grand Master Charles M. Ingram investigated the problems with fundraising conducted by your lodge in 1999. He issued an order for Lowell Lodge No. 590 to show cause why their charter should not be arrested. In his statement, Brother Ingram ordered that the master be prohibited from holding office for a period of five years. The DDGM as his personal representative would attend all the communications of the lodge. Brother Ingram ordered an internal audit of the book and records of the lodge.

The Committee reviewed the findings of the audit and determined that no further investigation was warranted. They made the following recommendations:

1. The former master will have to appeal to the Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals and to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication to have the terms of the order commuted.

2. The Committee agreed that the money owed by the lodge for the secretary's honorarium not be paid due to his dereliction of duty.

3. The Committee felt the lodge was operating properly and the action for the DDGM to attend the meetings could be reduced to quarterly.

4. The Committee felt that Brother Ingram should have removed the former Secretary, Brother CKG from his office at the time he removed the master. As Brother CKG is now serving as master of King Solomon Lodge No. 704, removing him now would create a hardship on the lodge he is presently serving. Therefore, it is the Committee's opinion that the grand master issue an order to bar Brother CKG from holding office for a period of time following his completion of his present term.

Based on the above, I hereby ORDER that:

1. The requirement for the DDGM to attend all communications of Lowell Lodge No. 590 be dismissed and the good name and reputation of Lowell Lodge No. 590 be removed from suspicion of misconduct.

2. Lowell Lodge No. 590 not pay the customary honorarium to Worshipful Brother CKG.

3. Worshipful Brother CKG, at the completion of his term as master of King Solomon Lodge No. 704, not be allowed to hold any office or serve on any board, commission, or committee of the Grand Lodge of any subordinate lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for a period of five years.

Enter under my hand and seal, at Rocky Point, North Carolina, this December 6, 2001.

Edict

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that attempts have been made to revive the Rite of Memphis in North Carolina; and

Whereas, several Masons have asked if it were proper for them to involve themselves in such a revival; and

Whereas, we have made inquiries of various national appendant Masonic bodies; and

Whereas, we have investigated the Rite of Memphis and its current controlling body;

It is therefore my finding:

That the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America is the controlling body of the Rite of Memphis in North America; and,

That Grand College of Rites of the United States of America has expressly forbidden that the Rite of Memphis be conducted for any purpose other than educational exemplification; and

That any other use of the degrees and titles of the Rite of Memphis in our state without the express permission and blessing of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America is improper and unmasonic; and

That the revival attempt in question is clearly clandestine.

All Freemasons of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina are hereby ordered to cease and desist any such activities in connection with Rite of Memphis except as authorized by this Grand Lodge and the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America.

Given under my hand and seal at Rocky Point, North Carolina, this 11th day of September, AD 2001, AL 6001

Acknowledgments

To Brother Charles A. Lewis Jr., senior grand warden and Brother Ronnie D. Graves, grand tyler, my sincere gratitude for all the love and support that you have shown to me as traveling companions this year. I recognize and appreciate the efforts on your part and the inconvenience you have had to endure.

To Brother E. J. Highsmith, grand chaplain, my gratitude to you for your prayers for me. I have felt their affect.

To all the Grand Lodge officers, boards, commissions and committees, thank you for your unequalled dedication. I hope that the unfounded criticism that we have endured this year by a vocal few has not tarnished the many good accomplishments we have made.

To the Craft, may God richly bless you all as we practice this "Beautiful System of Morality."

To the officers and members of my lodge, King Solomon Lodge 138, thank you for all your fraternal love and support this year. Many past grand masters have said that after becoming a Grand Lodge officer they feel as if they are no longer accepted in their lodges as they once were. I have not felt this, in fact, quite the opposite.

To Brother William B. Brunk, past grand master, thank you for affording me this great opportunity to serve our gentle Craft. It is my sincere hope and prayer that I have given you no cause to regret your appointment.

To Brothers H. Lloyd Wilkerson, Joseph Montfort Medal recipient; James Earl Vann, George F. Jones, Ralph V. Shipton, and Brother William L. Mills III and Brothers William H. Simpson, Charles M. Ingram, Walter F. McCall, Thomas W. Gregory, Lester P. Martin Jr., Richard G. Moore, and Charles E. Cathey, I am eternally in your debt. You were always there with good council, an attentive ear and willing hands when I needed you.

To all the staff at all our Masonic facilities, thank you for your dedication to our united efforts to aid love and ease pain for our residents.

To the clerical staff at the Grand Lodge Executive Offices, Cornelia Doherty, Frankie Harles, and Paula Strother, I fear that often your efforts for the most part go unacknowledged, but I assure you they do not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. Thank you. Also, I hope I will always be worthy to be remembered by you as "Po."

To Brother T. Walton Clapp III, Joseph Montfort Medal recipient, and grand secretary; Brother Richard E. Carter, Joseph Montfort Medal recipient, and editor of *The North Carolina Mason*; Brother James L. Medlin, director of development; Brother David R. Grissom, Joseph Montfort Medal recipient, and administrator of the Masonic Home for Children; and Brother John A. Rose, administrator of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, thank you from all the Masons in our grand jurisdiction for what you do for Masonry. Also thank you for your companionship, council, encouragement and support during our many miles of travel this year. You brethren have left me with a renewed sense of the spirit of Freemasonry. Were it not for our gentle Craft it is highly probable that our paths would have never crossed. Yet we are brothers in all the good meaning of the word.

To my wife of 33 plus years, DeVonna Ann King Mathis, who is truly, in the best sense of the words, my love. You have been my strongest supporter, best advocate, harshest critic, uncalled conscience, sounding board, and devil's advocate for all of which I am eternally grateful. I pray that it is the will of God that we have many more years together in quieter surroundings of the rural life style we so much enjoy. There is no way to account for or compensate for the sacrifices you have made for me during my Masonic career. I am sure there have been times when you would have preferred to do other things, yet did not, and assisted where you could.

Recommendations

1. That the North Carolina Grand Lodge continue to support and participate in the World Conference of Grand Lodges and the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

2. That the North Carolina Grand Lodge withdraw from the Southeastern Masonic Conference and seek membership in another conference.

3. That the ad hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations and Strategic Planning become permanent commissions.

4. That a concerted effort be made by all Masons within this grand jurisdiction to distance themselves from the efforts of some to paralyze and cripple Freemasonry due to panic over loss of membership.

5. That the practice of Craft Masonry become paramount to each Mason in this grand jurisdiction and not the accumulation of numbers.

6. That the Grand Lodge continue its efforts to secure recognition of Prince Hall Masonry in North Carolina.

7. That the Grand Lodge pursue possibilities for divesting itself of its executive offices in Raleigh.

8. That the overall operation of the business office of the Grand Lodge be scrutinized for consideration of restructuring.

Accomplishments

It is my belief that there have been two accomplishments this year; one tangible and one intangible.

The tangible accomplishment is that after several months of adjustment and tweeking, the grandfather clock in the Grand Master's Office in Raleigh is regulated and keeping good time.

The intangible accomplishment is that I believe in some small way many of us have begun to think and, more particularly, rethink Freemasonry. To rethink its deeper meaning and its timeless role in society as "a beautiful system of morality." By so doing I trust that we will resolve to cease trying to make that which is uncommon, common. To resist the trend of promoting the vulgar, the plebeian and the base and truly promote the refined, the enlightened, and the cultured and persist in our efforts to "make good men better."

Conclusion

Brethren in my travels this year, and they have been extensive, I have repeatedly offered the following quote; "Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known." It is a statement I believe to be as appropriate today as it was four centuries ago when de Montaign first pinned it. We, and I mean all of us, from the grand master to the youngest entered apprentice must educate ourselves to the deeper meaning of Freemasonry. We must get beyond the idea of fraternity and seek true brotherhood. If not we will only grow further and further apart. Freemasonry is a house divided, but it does not have to be so.

Rev. Billy Graham tells of his experience of being injected with cholera serum for a trip to India. He said by injecting a small amount of the bacteria into the blood stream, the body is able to build up an immunity to the disease thus warding off illness if greater amounts of the bacteria is contacted. He went on to say that religion is like that. If you are exposed to just a little, you will never get alot. What a dramatic parallel to Freemasonry. If exposed to only a little, one can be immune to receiving a lot.

It has not been my intention to fix blame, believe me, there is plenty of blame to go around, but to try to identify the problem. I thought for a while that the problem stemmed from race. However, I have, after much reflection, concluded that I was wrong. The real underlying problem, as I see it; the reason for the divisiveness we are experiencing, is lack of understanding of certain basic principles. In other words Masonic ignorance. Race was and is just the catalyst that brought all the controversy to a head. Thus giving greater credence to the quote from de Montaign. "Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known."

Thomas Jefferson reminded us over two centuries ago that "we can differ in opinion without differing in principle." Quite true, but we must first understand the principle. We have on the one hand heard arguments for "no change" by comparisons made of Freemasonry and the decline of Coca-Cola when it got away from Classic Coke and its need to return to what made it great. On the other end of the spectrum, "the need for change," is the argument that the United States Revenue Code and the North Carolina Tax Code and the threat they carry, could revoke our tax status, and the myriad of arguments in between.

Clearly brethren, we must return to basics, we must agree on principle. But what basics — and what principle? Did Coca-Cola return to its "original recipe?" I think most of us know the answer to that. If we embrace the analogy of Coca Cola then what do we return to. If we think that racial segregation is the answer then we have confused history with heritage as we so often do. Clearly our history is one of racial segregation. But equally clear is that our heritage is not that of racial segregation at all if the

“internal qualifications that recommend a man to be made a Mason” are truly a Masonic principle and not some unattainable myth.

As for being under the heel of the Departments of Revenue, that is always with us. But we can never allow it to force us into thinking that our efforts are material only. Modern Freemasonry has always had for its building material the hearts and minds of good men and not that of bricks and mortar. If we allow ourselves to be coerced by fear of loss of property or loss of tax status, then we will never find that spiritual property that allows us to transition from being a fraternity to that of a true brotherhood. One of our principles is that of “friendship, morality and brotherly love” and not “tax exempt status”.

These issues have been and are fraught with emotion and the victim in all this has been one of our greatest qualities — tolerance. When emotion rules and we attack each other personally rather than the issues, then we are no longer differing in opinion but that of principle. When we stoop to refusing to speak to a brother or shake his hand because of his opinions, we are no longer differing in opinion, but that of principle. When we feel justified to introduce legislation that ignores order, logic, and justice and merely reflects personal whims, selfish motives, or private agendas, then we are no longer differing in opinion, but that of principle, all the while tolerance being trampled under the heel of bigotry.

The religion of Freemasonry never has been one of faith—but of doubt. Doubt in that it has always encouraged the question, “Why?” often not without trepidation, I might add. Yet ever mindful of doing the right things for the right reasons in search of that illusive right answer; “because it is right when good prevails over evil.”

If it is so illusive, how do we know when we have succeeded? Ralph Waldo Emerson tells us that “Success is to laugh often and love much, to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children, to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to give of oneself, to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition, to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived — THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.”

Amos 5:24.

Respectfully submitted,
Grand Master William G. Mathis

Tribute to William G. Mathis

The following tribute to former Grand Master William G. Mathis was read:

William G. Mathis' posture, seemingly set by a square and plumb, and his brush of short cropped hair make him a striking figure even without the ornate apron and collar of grand master. Though his uniform is gone through retirement, the carriage of flight command is still there. Once crop duster, later commercial pilot and commercial flight instructor, Mathis knows flying by the book as well as by the seat of his pants. His diversity of skills served him and North Carolina Freemasonry well in 2001.

A good year as grand master requires contemplation and planning for all the eight years a man spends in line before his year in the East. Every year is important. Training Boeing 767 pilots to make emergency landings may help you prepare for the unexpected. Spending hours in flight simulators imagining the worst and trying to work your way out of it will help steady you in times of turbulence. Both experiences helped steel William G. Mathis for his early assumption of the weighty duties of grand master. Mathis hardly missed a step. He managed to preserve William Mills' heritage through adopting his appointments and plans and then moved on embracing the year, adding to it, and making it his own.

A year of travelling is expected by grand masters, but few seem to revel in it as William G. Mathis. He was a grand master who clearly enjoyed meeting his Brothers be it in Spain or Sparta, in Canada or Candler, in the Bahamas or Bahama. His enjoyment of his district meetings was evident across a lodge room or dining hall. His appreciation of the depth and variety of Freemasonry was magnified by his three international trips. His enthusiasm from those meetings was infectious as he shared it often and widely.

A quick smile, good laugh, and a bag full of stories made him a most excellent companion on a long trip.

William G. Mathis has that courage that allows a man to accept change. He also had that rarer courage to stimulate change where it is needed.

He has been at the forefront in encouraging the Masonic Home for Children to enter its next era — a time of improved services and facilities that will allow us to reach out to more children and better care for them and prepare them for life.

He appointed a Commission on Fraternal Relations of some of the best known, most skilled, and talented men in North Carolina to help lead us through the redefinition of our relationship with Prince Hall Masonry. He persuaded Governor Jim Martin, Chief Justice Jim Exum, Federal District Court Judge and former Attorney General Lacy Thomburg, and Secretary of Administration Jim Lofton to take up this critical task.

William Mathis presided over an Annual Communication which was overburdened and fraught with potential conflict. As a good pilot expecting bad weather and a long trip, he developed his flight plan for the meeting. He stuck to that plan and rewarded us with perhaps the most efficient and well run Annual Communication we have experienced.

For his many talents and skills and efforts we thank him.

We were privileged, for a year, to fly Mathis.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of General Purposes

Presentation of Plaque by the Masonic Service Association

Richard E. Fletcher, Vermont PGM and executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America, presented a plaque to Grand Master Tillettt thanking him for his promotion and service to the Masonic Service Association of North America.

Presentation of Plaque by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

Richard E. Fletcher, PGM Vermont, on behalf of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, presented a plaque to Grand Master Tillettt saluting his promotion and support of the Memorial's programs.

Presentation of Joseph Montfort Medals

Grand Master Jerry R. Tillettt presented two Joseph Montfort Medals. The Montfort is the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. A grand master may present a maximum of three during his term.

Tillettt's first went to Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr. of Crown Point 708.

The second was to Douglas S. Moore of Truth 749 and Monroe 244.

First Day Afternoon Session

Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett called the Grand Lodge to order at 1:15 P.M., Friday, September 27, 2002.

Presentations of Masonic Youth Organization Representatives

Grand Master Jerry Tillett introduced speakers from the Masonic youth organizations in North Carolina.

Miss Rachel Klenovic, grand worthy advisor of the International Order of Rainbow Girls in North Carolina delivered the following address to the delegates:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Tillett, Deputy Grand Master Lewis, Grand Lodge officers, distinguished guests, and members all. I bring greetings on behalf of Mrs. Kay F. Letterman, supreme inspector, Miss Amy Marie Harp, grand worthy advisor, and all of NC Rainbow girls. We thank you for the invitation to come and speak before the Grand Lodge this afternoon. The Masons have always been one of our strongest sponsoring bodies, and we would like to thank you all so much for your continuing support.

My name is Rachel Klenovic and I am grand worthy associate advisor of the International Order of Rainbow Girls in North Carolina. I am from Gastonia Assembly No. 19. I am currently a junior, majoring in Communication Disorders with a minor in Spanish, at North Carolina State University. Unfortunately, our GWA Amy, was feeling a bit under the weather and could not join us today.

This year, one of Amy's main service projects is the Ronald McDonald House. The state of North Carolina is currently collecting the Coke can tabs. The Ronald McDonald House will be selling the tabs back for money which will in turn pay for extra needs for the hospitalized children such as books, movies, and video games. If any lodges are interested in setting up a collection jar, it would be greatly appreciated.

Deputy Grand Master Lewis, we look forward to having you at our Grand Assembly next year, seeing as how your daughter, Heidi, is a former Rainbow girl and PGO as well.

I would like to invite each of you to our 66th annual Grand Assembly Session of Eternal Hope and Service on June 2003, at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Again, Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for allowing me to bring greetings on behalf of N.C Rainbow.

Miss Carla Batchelor, Miss Job's Daughters of the Carolinas, delivered the following address:

Good afternoon! My name is Carla Batchelor and I am the Miss Job's Daughters of the Carolinas. I am a freshman at Western Carolina University with a major in International Business. It is certainly a pleasure for me to speak to you today on behalf of the Jurisdiction of the Carolinas.

It is an honor for several reasons for me to speak with you this afternoon. First off, Masonry is the kind of organization that Job's Daughters enjoy working with. Secondly, because we share a common background that binds us together through the principles that you teach in Masonry. And, finally I can discuss one of my favorite subjects, Job's Daughters.

There is an extremely strong link between the International Order of Jobs Daughters and all the members of the Masonic fraternity, especially Masons themselves. We are unmistakably bound together because of our common background. Since our order was founded 80 years ago, the Masons have provided our members with special guidance. We are one in thought, word, and deed. But most importantly, today's Job's Daughters are the future of tomorrow's Masonic bodies.

The International Order of Job's Daughters is the only Masonic Youth group, which requires its members to have Masonic heritage. I am proud to say that every member of Job's Daughters has a direct and special tie to the Masonic fraternity, because of this relationship. We are the daughters, granddaughters, nieces, stepdaughters and cousins of Master Masons. Our girls are between the ages of 11 and 20. Job's Daughters is based on the Old Testament Book of Job in which Job learns the true meaning of life. We specifically emphasize the 42nd chapter and 15th verse which states "In all the land, were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Job's Daughters also offers opportunities for leadership development, friendship, responsibility, and, in addition, good wholesome fun. In the Carolinas we strive to teach all the ideals that Job's Daughters is about and what we can truly gain from our membership — respect of elders, patience, loyalty to flag, and, most importantly, reverence for God and love for one another. This can be a positive experience for any girl, especially one having a time understanding what is going on in our country today. We need to look at the triumphs of Job throughout his trials by God to realize that we shall overcome the event of September 11 and any trials we receive in life.

If you were to look up Freemasonry in the dictionary you would come up with a definition similar to this; a natural fellowship based on some common experience. Now you are thinking what that common experience is. It is that common bond that ties us all together as one, the bond that will never be broken, and the bond that has us all here together today. Unity and fellowship. These two things are the foundation of all of the Masonic organizations. All of you sitting in front of me today are here for these reasons. If we didn't have these things would we be here today?

Again, I would like to extend greetings on behalf of the Jurisdiction of the Carolinas and thank you for letting me speak to you today. And just like what Robert Aden said, "There is not enough darkness in the world to put out the light of one small candle." Jobs Daughters and the Masonic Fraternity is that candle. Thank you!

Next, the audience was addressed by Mr. Allen Spain Jr., state master councilor of the DeMolay of North Carolina:

Greetings, Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished members, and guests. I would like to thank you for inviting me, on behalf of the Order of DeMolay, to come here this afternoon and giving me the opportunity to speak to you. I take it to be a great honor to be here.

When I was only fourteen years old, a young man came to me and talked about a fraternity called the Order of DeMolay. He took me out for dinner and spoke of all the wonderful things that DeMolay teaches the young man. It sounded great, but how little did I know. When I went through my degrees I never imaged that one day I would be the state master councilor and have the wonderful opportunity to speak in front of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free

and Accepted Masons in North Carolina. However, the further I got into DeMolay the more it meant to me. There have been many times in the past when our organizations have come to a low point in numbers and active membership.

We are at one of those points now. Membership is down in all of the Masonic family. Now is the time to turn it around, now is the time to get our numbers back up, now is the time we need to pull together to take the greatest organization in the world, one that means so much to everyone in this room, and turn it back around. Now is the time when we need to work together to save the Masonic Family. Family . . . that word means something . . . we are all sons of the Universal Father, but everyone in this room has even a closer bond. We all can walk up to another, even someone we have never met, and already know that they share the same values and same morals as you do. You know that you already have a special bond with this person that you have never met, because you are both members of the Masonic Family. We are indeed a family, we can call upon each other out of the clear blue to help with a project or a fundraiser or nothing more than to come and say a few words at a statewide event, and know that if at all possible they will be there. We are indeed a family. Let us show the world how close and how strong of a family we truly are.

DeMolay is part of that family. We are here to help that family. Use us. If you need us to help with something, ask us. We will not let you down. I would like to ask a favor from our family. All I ask is help us grow. Help DeMolay get bigger. Help DeMolay grow so we can touch more lives and spread DeMolay's cardinal virtues of Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism to more people.

If you get these virtues engraved into someone's heart, they are not going to want to leave. They will grow up and want to join the Blue Lodge and other bodies of the Masonic Family.

I guess what I am trying to say is help the order of DeMolay grow and we will help the Masonic family grow.

Thank you again and have a good session.

The Grand Master then presented two residents of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, Miss Tammy Stevens and Mr. Kyle Pickard. Mr. Pickard delivered the following message:

My name is Kyle Pickard and I have been living at The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford for a little over three months. I came here because I had no where else to go.

This will be the fourth place I have lived in four years. My mother passed away three years ago, on May 23, 1999, in a motorcycle accident. I am very open to talk about it. I moved all the way to New York and back. I just can't seem to fit into anybody's lifestyle.

My aunt and uncle have been the world to me. I didn't realize it at the time, but, now I know. They taught me respect and responsibility and many other things.

I arrived here on June 14, 2002 and I have accomplished a lot since I have been here. I have done all sorts of things since I arrived here. I worked with Mrs. Hazel in the cafeteria and by doing that I have carpet in my room and the feeling that I have helped somebody in need.

I feel like I came here to help other kids who have problems, but that is

not my job. I was talking to my cottage counselor one night and he asked me why I was here, because, to him, it seemed that I really don't have any problems. I guess the reason it doesn't seem like I have problems, is because I have learned many skills from my aunt and uncle. They taught me things that some of the kids in the Masonic Home have no clue about. Respect is a big thing with me. I have respect for people who treat me with respect.

I have done some good things since I have been here. Some kids think this is the worst place in the world, but it's not. You got everything you need here with opportunities, free college, work and a place to live. I now work at the School of Graphic Arts. I love it here. Hey, the pay may not be much, but what more could you ask for.

There are a lot of activities that go on here. My counselors take the good kids to the lake and go tubing. I have gone deep-sea fishing and paintballing. St. John's Day was a blast and my cottage raised enough money to go to the beach.

I get along with most people. There are some people that I don't mess with, but for the most part as long as you treat people with respect and don't do out-of-this-world things to make them mad, you are good to go.

I wanted to work at the School of Graphic Arts so that I could learn another trade. Before I came here I had a full-time job working with a plumbing company, so I know what work is like. I had to work out in the hot sun, dig trenches to lay pipe, and crawl under houses. It wasn't the easiest job in the world but I wanted to make something of myself and have money to buy a car. I try hard to do right so I can do extra things. Like with the new level system, I try hard so that I don't have to be on supervision 24/7. A little hard work will pay off a lot while you are here. I look at the best of things here.

The daily activities are okay. I participate most of the time, except if I am doing something else. The cafeteria food is good and some days it is not, but that's everywhere you go. The thing that I like most is the privileges. I think that I have it pretty good here. There could be worse places that my parents could have sent me but they cared enough about me and wanted me in a place close by. They were there for me when I needed them.

I am glad that I came here because if I didn't, then I would have to go live with my dad in New York. That wasn't an option for me because I can't get along with my dad or stepmom. I moved out of their house to live with my aunt and uncle because my dad wasn't a good role model. My uncle is a very good role model.

Well, that is all I have to say about my first month of staying and I hope you enjoyed listening.

I hope that I get to stay here for a very long time because this place is the best thing that has happened to me since before my mother passed away.

Thank you, and have a great day!

Miss Stevens sang an inspirational rendition of "Over the Rainbow."

Called From Refreshment to Labor

Non-Masons were excused from the hall and Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett called the communication from refreshment to labor.

Report of the Committee on Necrology*Grand Chaplain Paul M. Pridgen, Officiant*

*THE PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Bob Wolfersteig

*HYMN "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Leslie H. Garner, Past Grand Master

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home!

A thousand ages in Thy sight
 Are like an evening gone;
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising sun.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
 Thy saints have dwelt secure;
 Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
 And our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away;
 They fly, forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Brother Senior Grand Warden, For what purpose are we assembled?

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN: To honor the memory of our brothers whom death has taken from us, and to pay the Memorial Rites of mortality.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Brother Junior Grand Warden, What sentiment should inspire the souls of Freemasons on occasions such as this?

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN: A calm and sincere sorrow for the absence of our Brothers whose departure we mourn, earnest concern for our own eternal welfare, and a firm faith in the Almighty and Eternal God, the Great Architect of the universe.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Brethren, as these sentiments are commended to your earnest consideration, let us invoke the assistance of Almighty God in these our solemn ceremonies.

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Tom Supplee, Grand Chaplain

GRAND CHAPLAIN: What man is he who lives and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

BRETHREN: Man walks in a vain shadow; He gathers riches and cannot tell who shall receive them.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: When he dies, he shall carry nothing away;
 His glory shall not descend after him.

BRETHREN: Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away again. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

BRETHREN: God is our God forever and ever. He is with us even unto death and life eternal.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: O God, in Thy gracious keeping leave we now our brothers sleeping.

EULOGIES

Remembering Cecil Liverman, Past Grand Master

B.T. Phillips, Past Grand Master

Remembering All Our Departed Brothers

THE FUNERAL GRAND HONORS

THE FIRST AND SECOND TIMES:

The will of God is accomplished. So Mote It Be. Amen.

THE THIRD TIME:

We cherish their memory here. We commend their spirit to God who gave it.

HYMN "*Sweet By and By*"

There's a land that is fairer than day,	To our bountiful Father above,
And by faith we can see it afar,	We will offer the tribute of praise.
For the Father waits over the way	For the glorious gift of His love,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.	And the blessings that hallow our days.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore	Chorus: In the sweet by and by
The melodious songs of the blest,	We shall meet on that beautiful shore.
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,	In the sweet by and by,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.	We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL

The Freemason's Home

Where hearts are warm with kindred fire,
And love beams free from answering eyes,
Bright spirits hover always there,
And that's the home the Masons prize.
The Mason's Home, the peaceful home,
The home of love and light and joy;
How gladly does the mason come
To share his tender, sweet employ.

All around the world, by land, by sea,
Where summers burn or winters chill,
The exiled Mason's turns to thee,
And years to share the joys we feel.
The Mason's Home, the happy home,
The home of light and love and joy;
There's not an hour but I would come
And share this tender, sweet employ!

A weary task, a dreary round,
Is all benighted man may know,
But here a brighter scene is found,
The brightest scene that's found below.
The Mason's Home, the blissful home,
Glad center of unmingled joy
Long as I live I'll gladly come
And share this tender, sweet employ.

And when the hour of death shall come,
And darkness seal my closing eye,
May hands fraternal bear me home,
The home where weary Masons lie!
The Mason's Home, the heavenly home,
To faithful hearts eternal joy;
How blest to find beyond the tomb
The end of all our sweet employ!

CECIL JOHNSON LIVERMAN**(May 25, 1915-July 27, 2002)**

Cecil Johnson Liverman, a distinguished Master Mason, was the one hundred twenty-eighth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in North Carolina. He was born May 25, 1915, one of two boys and two girls, born to Tallie J. and Julian G. Liverman, in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. He was educated in the Hertford County school system and lived his entire life in that community. Brother Liverman died July 27, 2002 and was laid to rest with Masonic Rites, conducted by his Masonic son, PGM Bunn T. Phillips Jr.

In 1934 he began a career with Northeastern Oil Company, in Murfreesboro, NC that lasted forty-eight years, except for three years service in the Army, during WWII. Discharged as a First Sergeant, he resumed his career with Northeastern Oil Company, retiring as operations manager, in 1982, shortly before being elected grand master.

He won the hand in marriage of Hazel Ellen Fisher, September 9, 1938. That marriage, made in Heaven, lasted sixty-two years, until God called Hazel home on January 11, 2001. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Laura who is married to Philip Olmstead of William G. Hill Lodge No. 218, Raleigh, and PDDGM of the former 25th Masonic District; and Cecille, who is married to Merrill Waters, of Wiccacon Lodge No. 240, Harrellsville. Cecil and Hazel were proud grandparents to four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He took pride in the affairs of his community, especially treasuring his long membership in Meherrin Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, where he served as a deacon, long-time church treasurer, and president of his Sunday School class. He was a charter member and past president of the Murfreesboro Lions Club and a member of the American Red Cross Blood Procurement Committee, where he was a proud member of a select group of five-gallon blood donors. Brother Cecil was a sincerely religious man. Faith, hope, and love were the foundation of his daily life. In his dealings with others, he exercised diligence, prudence, temperance, and discretion. Harmony was his desire and peace his intent.

Cecil's long and distinguished Masonic career started when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 10, 1946 in American George Lodge No. 17, in Murfreesboro, where he served as Master in 1952, 1962, and 1973. He also served his lodge for several years as secretary. His lodge signally recognized him in 1982, when they honored him with their first Life Membership. GM Jack Honeycutt presented him the prestigious Joseph Montford Medal in 1983.

His distinguished service as DDGM of the Nineteenth District led to his appointment to the board of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. It was while serving on that board that he attracted the attention of Grand Master Leslie H. Garner, who selected him as a grand steward from the more than seventy thousand Masons in that state, at that time. From that appointment he advanced through the Grand Lodge line, serving on various committees leading to ultimately being elected grand master in 1983.

During his long and illustrious Masonic career, Cecil was elected into various Masonic appendant bodies. These included in the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies, where he was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the 33rd Degree. He was also a member of Sudan Shrine and the Hertford County Shrine Club. He maintained a strong affinity for the several appendant bodies, but his first love remained blue lodge Masonry.

His love of blue lodge Masonry was best proven during his year as grand master, when instead of accepting invitations to attend grand lodge annual communications across the nation, he devoted his time to the Masons of North Carolina, by conducting district meetings in each of the then sixty-five districts in the state, often being the last

person to leave the meeting. His program of "Accountability" was well received by the brethren, as he carried it across the state.

In addition to the sixty-five district meetings that year, he approved the erection of five one-story lodge buildings, laid the cornerstone for four others, and dedicated four new lodge buildings. He also found time to place a Masonic commemorative stone in the historic City Hall, at Wilmington, North Carolina, a city that has contributed so much to the rich heritage of North Carolina Masonry. He also took pride in having the opportunity to consecrate the Joseph Montford homesite, in his neighboring Halifax which also enjoyed a prominent role in the early history of Masonry in this state.

Most Worshipful Sir, as we bid you farewell, we reaffirm our faith in the redeeming power of Judah Lion and the admonishment that each of us received on our first admission into the lodge. "May it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words — 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord'."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Bunn T. Phillips Jr., PGM

My Brother Is Gone

Across the lodge I stare,
It's his empty chair.
Once filled with his goodness,
Now his absence I assess.
My brother is gone.

Across the lodge I strain to hear,
But silence only touches my ear.
Once words and laughter his voice sounded,
Now his silence unbouded.
My brother is gone.

Across the lodge I stretch my hand,
To an embrace unmanned.
Once warm, welcoming and strong,
Now a void so long.
My brother is gone.

Across the lodge I see his candle burning,
It's light heavenward upturning.
How bright and beautiful his flame,
Now spiraling spirit his transformed frame.
My brother is gone.

by Grand Chaplain Paul M. Pridgen

Final Report

of

**Grand Master
Jerry R. Tillett**

**Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of North Carolina**

2002

The Report of the Grand Master

There being more than two month left in his term, Grand Master Jerry M. Tillett at this time delivered an interim version of the Grand Master's Report. Printed here for the historical record is his final report, containing the actions of his entire term through December 7, 2002.

His report was referred to the Board of General Purposes. See the report in these *Proceedings* for the distribution of this report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Brethren, in compliance with regulation 13-2.5 of *The Code* I am pleased to present this report of my activities as Grand Master for the past year. It has been a great honor and opportunity to serve as Grand Master for the year 2001 through 2002.

My theme for this year has been "Together We Can Make a Difference." I believe this theme apropos in light of the temperature of the times and the state in which we now find ourselves. This month marks the one-year anniversary of those horrific attacks upon this country and upon those very principles of freedom upon which it was founded. Even today, men and women in the military are deployed around the world fighting against terrorism, tyranny and despotism. From the events of the fateful day on September 11th, we witnessed unmitigated acts of cowardice, evil, and hatred. At the same time, we witnessed unspeakable acts of courage, compassion, and heroism. We came to appreciate our vulnerabilities and the power of unity and resolve. Around the world a clarion call was sounded for men and women of character, integrity, and personal responsibility — those who practice friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

This is the state in which we find ourselves and the background from which I make this report.

Necrology

Since our last Annual Communication we have lost many of our members who have made their way to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We cherish their memories and have been blessed and benefited by their presence among us. The Grand Lodge indeed suffered great losses. The first was of its past Grand Master Cecil Liverman. Brother Cecil indeed spoke with two voices as noted in his eulogy. One, the raspy voice with which he sincerely answered all inquiries and the other with the melodious voice of his chimes that were dispersed generously throughout our state providing a soft music of brotherly love and friendship. Another great loss that was felt in our grand lodge family was the passing of Virginia Phillips, wife of Past Grand Master B.T. Phillips. They were a second family to me. That loss is immeasurable to Brother B.T., my family and our Masonic family. Another who should be remembered among those in the celestial home above is District Deputy Grand Lecturer James Wentz who was killed in an automobile accident, while traveling on Masonic duties. There will be a memorial service during this Annual Communication conducted by the Committee on Necrology in memory of those departed brothers. However, this year, that committee itself will witness the absence of its usual leader, Brother Dave Grissom who was injured in an automobile accident also while carrying out the work of our fraternity.

DDGM Meetings

Our meeting was held with the district deputy grand masters and the district deputy grand lecturers at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

I explained my plan for the district deputy grand masters to continue to hold their own district meetings consistent with that practice of the last few years. I explained my program theme this year, "Together We Can Make a Difference," and emphasized the

need for communication.

I invited suggestions for ways in which we could improve the fraternity.

Area Meetings

This year I conducted 28 area meetings. The locations and some of the highlights are included in the reports to the Board of General Purposes. Thank you, brothers who attended!

Honorary Title of Past District Deputy Grand Master

I recommend that the honorary title of Past District Deputy Grand Master be granted to the following brethren, each of whom is both qualified and eligible under the provisions of Regulation 11-4.2 of *The Code*.

Name	Lodge	District
Randall E. Holmes	521	2
Benjamin D. Forrest III	475	6
Richard W. Pridgen	112	10
David E. Guy	305	21
Larry E. Sizemore	759	32
David D. Greene	554	37
Kenneth E. Pressley	386	40

Orders

I, as grand master, issued the following orders & opinions.

All Orders and Opinions of Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett were placed on the agenda for Annual Communication 2003.

Order No. 1

It has been brought to my attention by the Grand Secretary's office that Waxhaw Lodge No. 562 elected LRF to receive the degrees at the stated communication held on January 1, 2002 and then conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on him at the same stated communication (January 1, 2002), which was in violation of Regulation 71-22 of *The Code*.

Since the candidate was not responsible for this violation of the law of our Grand Lodge, I hereby order:

1. That Waxhaw Lodge No. 562 heal Entered Apprentice LRF at the first stated communication following receipt of this Order, as provided in Regulation 87-6. It shall be sufficient to only re-obligate this candidate in the first degree, in a lodge opened on that degree, and after the candidate has been thus healed, he may then be advanced when prepared as required in Regulation 72-2.
2. This Order shall be read in the lodge at the first stated communication following its receipt, and it shall be made a part of the minutes of that meeting.
3. The lodge secretary shall report to the grand secretary within five days after the healing of this candidate that this Order has been complied with and the date thereof.

Given under my hand and seal at Manteo, North Carolina, this the 29th day of January, 2002.

Order No. 2

WHEREAS, certain problems have come to my attention relating to the operation of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. and the relationship of that corporation with Revolution Lodge No. 552 AF & AM and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, I have carefully reviewed and deliberated upon various documents, including but not limited to, public records, previous orders of Grand Master Charles E. Cathey and Grand Master William G. Mathis, and a report filed by the Judge Advocate of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina detailing his inquiry into the operation of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc., as well as, the response made by its President to the previous orders by Grand Master Cathey and Mathis, respectfully.

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Board Members of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. refuse to voluntarily make necessary changes in the operation of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc.

WHEREAS, Grand Master Charles Cathey and William G. Mathis have previously issued separate orders with a purpose of ameliorating certain situations deemed potentially injurious to the Grand Lodge or its connected entities, and requiring individuals, the Boards and Officers, Directors of Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. to do, or refrain from doing certain things, each of which orders is incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, certain persons, in either individual or representative capacity have failed or refused to fully comply with the letter or spirit of such orders and have in fact, counseled, encouraged, aided and abetted or caused other to violate and or fail to comply with the intent of these aforementioned orders.

WHEREAS, it is hereby deemed to be in the best interest of Masonry in North Carolina to make the foregoing order.

Order

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that Brother William O. Younger is immediately removed from the Board of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. It is further ordered that each Board member, jointly and individually, immediately adopt by-laws and submit them to the Grand Secretary for Grand Lodge approval not more than sixty (60) days from the service of this order that will accomplish the following:

The Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. shall make a full report of its holdings and financial matters to the membership of Revolution Masonic Lodge No. 552, annually. This report shall include all information contained in the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 990.

The Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc. shall accept Board members who have been nominated, elected, or appointed by the membership or officers of Revolution Masonic Lodge No. 552. These members will serve for a five-year term and may succeed themselves provided they are re-nominated, elected, or appointed by the membership or Officers of Revolution Masonic Lodge No. 552.

The Board members of the Revolution Masonic Temple, Inc., if necessary, shall work with the Grand Lodge Service Committee and shall comply with all the Committee's request and requirements.

Given under my hand and seal this the 11th day of April, 2002

Order No. 3

The following order was addressed to Brothers JRF, JBF, DLN, and GRS.

It is with great sadness and disdain that I feel compelled to make this communication. The temerity of your actions and inexorable defiance has left me with no alternative. This action is also consistent with a motion and unanimous decision of the Board of General Purposes.

Over several years a situation creating disharmony, confusion, mistrust, involving breach of obligations and duties of Masons and overall contrary to the best interest of Freemasonry has continued to exist involving the Temple Corporation and Revolution Lodge No. 552. You have been part of that situation. The subordinate lodge and or

individual members have requested assistance from the Grand Lodge. Various attempts and orders by three Grand Masters and or other Grand Lodge officers have been made as an effort to ameliorate this problem. These orders of the Grand Masters have not been fully or fairly complied with. Much time, effort, and resources have been expended and consumed in attempting to deal with these problems. When first attempts or orders do not complete resolution of a problem, additional and stricter measures are thereby necessary. You have conspired, aided, abetted, and or assisted others in open defiance of the orders of the Judge Advocate and/or Grand Master and/or acted in violation of Masonic Law. The attempts of rehabilitation and cure have been rejected and repudiated. Requests for information have been refused. These requests and/or orders were directed to individual Masons. They were valid on their face.

In addition to information not being provided upon request or as appropriate, there have been possible commingling of reporting and failure to adequately maintain separateness in record keeping and report making.

It was learned furthermore that non-Masons could be a part of this Temple Corporation and that Lodge usage could be controlled by a committee constituting only a subpart of the Temple Board. Thus a group of non-Masons or even those antithetical to Masonic principle could control the lodge property and building. This violated the laws, landmarks, and various principles of Masonry.

Specifically, an order directed that you and others as individual Masons take certain actions to ameliorate or cure the above problems. These orders were openly defied. Further, more egregiously, you caused, participated in, or were involved in the issuance by a profane civil attorney of a written notice that contended the Grand Lodge and Grand Master had no authority over you as a Mason in these matters. This not only failed to comply with these orders but repudiated the oath and obligation of a Mason and an officer as well as the laws and landmarks of Masonry to which you have been previously obligated. This was contumacy.

Thereafter you were given several opportunities and even specifically requested to change your position, to renounce the contumacy, or otherwise clarify and explain your actions. You have refused defiantly.

Moreover in this interim period you have participated, acquiesced in, or caused a further change to the by-laws of this corporation not only failing to comply with previous orders but, in effect, removing all reference and affiliation with Masonry and Masonic principles. This was an apparent further act of defiance.

In addition, you have allowed, acquiesced, or conspired in threats and conspiracies to return property originally of Masons and of your Masonic lodge to third parties which would constitute a breach of fiduciary obligation.

These acts or omissions and the findings relating thereto are in the alternative each not withstanding the other and each independent of the other. Each in and of in itself constitutes a sufficient basis for the actions herein taken and any other appropriate action. Your actions are treasonous to Masonic principle.

Now, therefore, in accord with the inherent and specific authority and duty of this office and/or the landmarks of Masonry, you are hereby effective 12:00 noon Friday, August 8, 2002, removed from your current position, of and any and all other office or position in the Grand Lodge and any subordinate lodge or any appendant or related affiliated organization, and are prohibited permanently thereafter from holding any position or office in either the Grand Lodge, a subordinate lodge, or any appendant or affiliated body. This removal and prohibition is permanent unless rescinded by the Grand Master or as by law provided.

I further ORDER that you be bound over to the Judge Advocate, for such further action as is appropriate. This is indeed a sad day for Masonry.

Given under my hand and seal this the 9th day of August, 2002 AD 6002 AL.

Order No. 4

It has been brought to my attention by the Grand Secretary's office that Raleigh Lodge No. 500 elected ESH to receive the degrees at the stated communication held on September 17, 2002 and then conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on him at the same stated communication (September 17, 2002), which was in violation of Regulation 71-22 of *The Code*.

Since the candidate was not responsible for this violation of the law of our Grand Lodge, I hereby order:

1. That Raleigh Lodge No. 500 heal Entered Apprentice ESH at the first stated communication following receipt of this Order, as provided in Regulation 87-6. It shall be sufficient only to re-obligate this candidate in the first degree, in a lodge opened on that degree, and after the candidate has been thus healed, he may then be advanced when prepared as required in Regulation 72-2.
2. This Order shall be read in the lodge at the first stated communication following its receipt, and it shall be made a part of the minutes of that meeting.
3. The lodge secretary shall report to the grand secretary within five days after the healing of this candidate that this Order has been complied with and the date thereof.

Given under my hand and seal at Manteo, North Carolina, this the 23rd day of September, 2002.

Order No. 5

It has been brought to my attention by the Grand Secretary that Belhaven Lodge No. 509, AF & AM rejected petitioner TRS for the degrees without first complying with 68-3.13 of *The Code*. The Master pro-tem was prepared to spread a second ballot without comment when discussion ensued in the lodge on whether the ballot was final. The Master pro-tem declared the ballot without having conducted a second ballot.

In such cases the Grand Master may authorize a rebalot at a stated communication. Under Regulation 68-8, the Master made an improper announcement. Therefore, the Grand Master, by positive and unquestionable evidence, determines the ballot was clearly and grossly illegal and is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind. I hereby ORDER Belhaven Lodge No. 509 to rebalot on the above mentioned petition for the degrees at the stated communication to be held on November 26, 2002

The dispensation authorizing the rebalot shall contain a proviso that all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days' notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the rebalot and the time and place therefor.

This Order shall be read to the lodge at the stated communication to be held on November 26, 2002, entered on the minutes of that communication and a proper notation made on the margin of the minutes for the stated communication on October 22, 2002, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Manteo, North Carolina, this 6th November, 2002 AD; 6002 AL.

Order No. 6

I have received a request from Brother WM and the secretary of Doric Lodge No. 568 to resolve the issue of a mistakenly issued demit. I have caused an investigation to be conducted. Information has been received from several members, Past Grand Masters, the District Deputy Grand Master, and several lodge officers.

The information received indicated that Brother WM, who is 83 years old, submitted an application for affiliation to Doric Lodge No. 568. He was informed by the secretary of 568 that a request for a demit needed to be filed with Berne Lodge No. 724.

Berne Lodge, on receiving the signed request for a demit, issued the demit by order of the Master. When his application for affiliation with Doric Lodge was denied, Brother WM was left a non-affiliated Mason.

An in-state transfer of membership does not require a member to request a demit. The said transfer and necessary demit and notifications are always executed by the Grand Secretary's office. This long-standing procedure is detailed in Regulation 75-15 of *The Code*. Following this procedure would have prevented this situation. Brother WM requested assistance on the procedure and he received erroneous information.

Our *Code* offers no definition of incompetency, but utilizes several terms, including insane, incompetent, and mentally disqualified, without apparent distinction. However there are legal definitions that the established state of mind may include periodic lucidity. The highest standard may be that of incompetence. By analogy, the definition of insanity by *Code* interpretation would include issues of whether the subject suffered from some disease, mental condition of age or infirmity of mind such that he could not comprehend the consequence of his actions, or even if so, could not determine the rightfulness of the same. I have sufficient evidence that Brother WM was incompetent at the time the demit was issued.

Brother WM would have no reason to understand the detailed procedure for moving his membership. His request was based upon information furnished to him by an authoritative voice – the secretaries of the lodges involved. His lack of first hand knowledge and his advancing years make his request for demit an incompetently informed decision. WM admits this to be the case in his letter to me. Since there was no other determination of the mental state at the time the demit was issued, all action should be rescinded.

An additional provision of general law provides that a mutual mistake of fact by parties to an action warrants rescinding of such action. The secretary of Berne Lodge knew that Brother WM planned to transfer his membership to Doric Lodge, but did not know that he had not been accepted in that lodge. The secretary of Doric Lodge advised that a request for a demit should be submitted to Berne Lodge. Brother WM did not understand that a demit without being accepted in another lodge would leave him a non-affiliated Mason.

While this lack of understanding of procedure by authorities is disappointing, such lapses will be with us as long as we are served and administered by imperfect humans. It should be mentioned also that the secretaries of both lodges in question are new to their jobs and just learning these procedures themselves. But, as long as we are served by imperfect men, we must be ever ready to palliate the discomforts and right the wrongs created by those mistakes.

Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master Elect Charles A. Lewis Jr. and I have conferred on this decision and he concurs with its contents.

It is therefore my order that:

Due to erroneous information supplied by lodge officers and advancing age, Brother WM's request for demit was incompetently made and is therefore null and void.

Brother WM is hereby restored to membership in Berne Lodge No. 724 with no break in service.

Dated in Manteo, North Carolina this the seventh day of November, 2002 AD, 6002
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Order No. 7

This order was addressed to Brother LMC.

I have received several communications from James A. Johnson Lodge No. 413, wherein they have requested that I remove you from office as Master of the lodge.

From the minutes of the lodge, you have not attended a stated communication

since July 9, 2002. Your attendance prior to that time was sporadic at best. Regulation 59-2.13 says that you shall make necessary arrangements for the faithful performance of your office when you are absent. It is my understanding that no arrangements were made during your absence. The lodge has been very patient in waiting until November to ask that you resign from your office.

Your communication responding to their request for resignation was indignant because you felt the lodge was not "operative," therefor did not need to be governed. This is a total disregard for the position of Master of the Lodge, and neglect of your obligations as Master of the Lodge. Again, this is a clear indication that you have already surrendered the position but not relinquished the authority.

Now therefore, it is my Order that you are hereby removed as Master of James A. Johnson Lodge No. 413 as provided in Regulation 13-2.10 and 58-1 of *The Code*. This action is immediate.

Given under my hand and seal in the town of Manteo, this fifteenth day of November, AD 2002, AL 6002

Official Opinion

This letter is written in response to the offer of an automobile as a prize for a hole in one contest on a designated hole in the above referenced tournament fund raiser. The proposed tournament will be a continuation of an annual event held for at least 13 years; that the entrance fees should remain at \$55 including a meal and which have remained relatively the same over the past several years; that an automobile dealership would provide the prize guaranteed by the purchase of insurance; that there would be no additional cost above regular entrance fees to any participant regardless of whether he or she may participate in any specific hole including the designated hole; and that all proceeds would be contributed to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, or the NC Masonic Foundation either of which would be recognized by the department of Revenue as a non-profit organization.

I will now give you my analysis and opinion. Authorization hereinafter provided is for this event only and is deemed to be a one time opinion and authorization. In this interpretation, I have considered in addition to the above referenced facts, the provisions of Chapter 9-32 of *The Code*, together with provisions and amendments thereto; the advice and counsel of various Past Grand Masters, and a specific informal opinion, interpretation by the North Carolina Attorney General's Office concerning state law, and the statutory construction principles of *Ejusdem Generis*.

I have determined that there are two requirements necessary to constitute a game of chance or gambling: first the presence of a specific consideration and second that the element of luck or chance predominate the activity. According to civilian authorities and the opinion of the Attorney General, the afore referenced activity requested would not constitute gambling or a game of chance in that the price for entrance would remain the same regardless if one participated in this particular hole or not. In addition while luck will greatly enhance the likelihood of success or be even necessary for the hole in one, the elements of skill, experience, and ability are involved and predominate in the game of golf as has been previously decided by the Attorney General. Moreover, no amount of skill or luck would enable certain persons, such as handicapped persons or others of weaker or lesser ability to make the hole in one since they simply could not hit the ball in that vicinity or distance. Furthermore, I am not unmindful that our Grand Lodge by delegates in convention have decided to amend the provisions of our Masonic *Code* to allow for a lottery or raffle under certain conditions regarding the limitations on prize amounts and payment of proceeds to charity. Such lottery or raffle is entirely and completely a game of chance and caprice.

Based upon all of the above information and findings it is my interpretation and opinion that the request and proposed activity providing the offer of an automobile as a prize for a hole in one contest on a designated hole in the 14th Annual MESH Golf

Tournament does not violate provisions of Masonic Law and is permitted under the following circumstances and conditions that: at least 90% of the net proceeds as defined by our *Code* will be paid to the charities of either the Masonic and Eastern Star Home or the North Carolina Foundation and the prize would not exceed \$50,000 in value consistent with the analogous provisions of our code regarding raffles.

Based upon these understandings and findings I have no objection to the use of this marketing incentive offering this free automobile prize.

North Carolina Development Program

The North Carolina Masonic Development Program has been provided a very difficult, seemingly impossible chore in light of the current economic times. That notwithstanding, our development program has been a great success for the lodges of North Carolina. Continued the success of these programs in light of the economic down turns can only be proof of the genuineness with which Masons practice the principles of Freemasonry.

Montfort Medals

Pursuant to *The Code* of Grand Lodge, grand masters are allowed to recognize deserving Masons by presenting them with Joseph Montfort Medals, the highest honor in our Masonic fraternity. I will be presenting three medals this year, two of which will be presented at the Annual Communication.

Masonic Eastern Star Home

This has continued to be a year of planning and decision making regarding our home at Greensboro. This home is indeed a charity. It has been noted that more persons are served through this facility who would not be able to afford this kind of care elsewhere than any other in the state.

This has been a very trying and difficult year in terms of economic strife. The cost of pharmaceuticals and insurance has continued to rise. We have been able to find new sources of revenue in addition to cutting some expenses.

We now have two programs for admission into our home. One is a fee for services plan which allows people to pay a very fair price for services provided. The other is an assigned asset program whereby people assign their assets to our home and in return our home takes on the responsibility for their perpetual care and meeting all their needs.

While we continue to operate with a paper deficit annually we have managed to continually provide the highest care at manageable cost. None of this would have been possible without the leadership and administration of John Rose, administrator and CEO of this home.

I would like to encourage each of you to visit this home in Greensboro. There you can see the fruition of labors of many and where your donations are actually put to work.

Masonic Home for Children

I often speak about my experiences in court with children, young people, those who have somehow been victims or perpetuated violence. Today, crime on young people is our country's greatest epidemic. I sometimes share stories of horrible physical, mental, and sexual abuse of young children which simply begets further abuse and is a vicious pattern. I have shared the story of a man who upon simply learning of a need, drove hundreds of miles at night to rescue three frail orphans and instantly became a father. At their court hearing regarding prosecution of the abuser, this man of few words came forward and for the first time extended a hand that I recognized with a familiar handshake. I believe he was a real man and one who practiced outside his lodge those

principles taught inside. But many are not so fortunate.

I routinely see those in my courtroom. I sometimes have told the story of a young girl called “Amy” who grew up at our home in Oxford. She has been there for a long time. She has a beautiful voice and an amazing talent for singing and was awarded scholarships for the same, but her desire is to become a veterinarian. She has already scored very high on the SAT. Among her many activities and duties, she interviewed me for her school newspaper.

She asked me what Oxford meant to me. At that time I explained to her the difference between short-term care practice by other institutions and what evil it contends for our society. I also explained the long-term care that we use at Oxford. That is a commitment to meet all the needs, mental, physical, and spiritual, of those children placed in our care for as long as they need it. I told her that I hoped that every child was told as soon as they came to Oxford, “Welcome to your new home for as long as you need it.”

Tears welled up in her eyes and she said, “Mr. Tillett, this is the only home that I have ever known”. Brothers, there is a great need for our home at Oxford. These are all our children. We will all profit by or pay for what they become.

This year we have embarked upon a very ambitious undertaking to develop new cottages and a new model of child care consistent with our basic philosophy of providing full- and long-term care to our children. For years we have provided this service. However our need is great — greater today than perhaps at any other time.

I urge you to visit our home in Oxford. You cannot fail to be touched by this experience. I urge you to continue with your support of this most worthy endeavor. Our staff at the Home is doing an outstanding job. Reverend David Grissom and Assistant Administrator Allen Hughes and his other staff are to be commended for a job well done. Thank you, brothers, for your continued support.

Southeastern Masonic Conference

The Southeastern Masonic Conference for this year was held in Columbus, Georgia, right on the border of Alabama. It's a long ride, but well worth it. This, brothers, was a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Masons from around the United States and especially the Southeast. The theme for this year's conference was “The Way We Are/The Way We Could Be.” Another highlight was a keynote address by our Brother, Dr. Gary Leazer

Many of you may recognize that Dr. Leazer was originally a minister with the Southern Baptist Association. He was appointed to a committee to investigate criticisms of Freemasonry. Not being a Mason at the time his investigation led him nonetheless to conclude that the criticisms were unfounded. He suffered ridicule and reprisal as a result of his conclusions and report. However he remained steadfast in his resolve. Thereafter, however, he became a Master Mason.

World Masonic Conference

The World Masonic Conference will be held in New Delhi, India this year. In light of the current volatile situation in that region of the world, I will not be attending the World Conference of Grand Masters this year.

Conference of Grand Masters in North America

The Conference of Grand Masters in North America this year was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I attended the conference with Deputy Grand Master Charles Lewis and his wife, Helga; Past Grand Master Bill Mathis and his wife, Devonna; Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer Cliff Everett; and Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III. This was another opportunity to meet with fellow Masons from around the world. It, too, was very informative. However a highlight of this conference was the very wonderful surprise presentation to our Grand Lodge, a Medallion of Excellence Award. This was presented to our Grand Lodge for maintaining the highest standards of

quality in presenting to the schools and educators of North Carolina. The Masonic Model Student Assistant Training Program is helping to change the lives of many North Carolina school children. Brothers, as you know, this is a program of training for educators, school teachers, and administrators in ways to recognize and intervene in the lives of children in need, those on the verge of substance abuse or with other needs. It is a program of instruction for educators in ways to minister to these special needs. This also affords us a rare opportunity for positive public relations. We are the only Grand Lodge singled out for this award and it is indeed a great honor for our Grand Lodge. Other conference topics included the experience of lodges with young Masons, including membership by 18-year-olds and of the pros and cons of various one-day classes for membership.

Other Visitations

In addition to area meetings and visitations with individual lodges of which I am most fond, I was also privileged to be invited to bring fraternal greetings at the annual meeting of Grand York Rite bodies in Asheville; to the 97th Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Charlotte; and to the first annual Shrine ceremonial for Sudan Temple and Oasis Temples. Due to my schedule I asked other grand lodge officers to represent the grand master's office at the meetings of the Order of Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay.

One of my visits was to the Grand Lodge of New York where we treated most hospitably. The Masonic Hall there consisting of two 19-story connected buildings. In the heart of the city is a most glorious and exceptional facility. It has tiled floors, high ceilings, marble, stained glass, ornate pillars, oak paneling, and gold filigree throughout with three pipe organs and several theme lodge rooms. Every Mason should see this.

One of my most enlightening visits this year was to the Grand Lodge of Canada. In addition to its being extended a wonderful hospitality, I also witnessed many innovative ways of conducting a grand lodge. One of the practices that I would like to be considered is that of providing for voting throughout the first day of the Annual Communication at a central location separate and apart from the area wherein the Annual Communication is being held forth with presentation of committee reports etc. This practice allows the voting delegates to vote on all matters including officers, throughout the morning period, at breaks, and other convenient times. This provides for a very efficient grand lodge. I recommend this to you for your consideration.

It was a privilege to dedicate the new lodge building at Oak Grove Lodge No. 750 near Durham, North Carolina. It was one of the first official visits of my term. I also had the high honor of presenting numerous service awards throughout the year which indeed constituted a special blessing for me. I have enjoyed many banquets, ladies' nights, and open houses to which I have been invited. One of the great pleasures in serving in this capacity is the hospitality always shown by brethren and ladies upon these visitations. I am deeply humbled by the graciousness and respect shown for this office which I have been privileged to temporarily occupy.

One of my greatest experiences, serendipitously so, was the Annual York Rite Summer Assembly in beautiful Maggie Valley. This year's event marked the 180th anniversary of the York Rite Masonry in North Carolina. This was truly a great time of fellowship with Masons from around the United States and also within our jurisdiction. The friendship and brotherly love extended to my family and I will always rank highest among my fondest memories. The theme for this year's assembly was "Building Fraternal Ties."

I was greatly honored in being allowed to present the keynote address since I considered this theme similar to my theme for this year of "Together We Can Make A Difference" and an appropriate one for this time. I spoke of how building fraternal ties requires communication, association, and adhering to practices which we preach. those principles of the cabledow.

These are the principles adhered to by those willing to put another's needs or concerns above their own. I was reminded that we were not there as York Rite, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, Eastern Stars or even North Carolina or Tennessee Masons, but instead we were all a part of a brotherhood of human kind under the auspices of the Fatherhood of God, Creator of all.

These principles serve as an outward, invisible pledge of submission and fidelity to the lodge and to each other and moreover as a symbol of a vow to assist another even at the risk of our lives.

In another light, I was also privileged to attend the Annual Shrine Bowl Game and banquet held for the first time in Rock Hill, South Carolina. We were extended every courtesy and hospitality and received wonderful treatment in Rock Hill. This is a worthy pursuit which provides opportunity to raise funds for the assistance of needy children and to make known to the world some of the principles of our fraternal organizations.

Honors and Awards

I am deeply appreciative of the many honors presented me since being elected grand master. I have received many honors and awards including being coroneted a 33rd degree Inspector General of the Scottish Rite in Charleston, South Carolina. I was honored with honorary membership in the National Sojourners in Jacksonville. I have received gifts throughout my visits in North Carolina including a beautifully engraved gavel from Manteo Lodge No. 521 and Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217 in Morganton, North Carolina. I was also given a granite clock etched in remembrance of this year's theme from Snow Lodge No. 363 I also received from Kenly Lodge No. 257 a gift for which Johnston County is widely known — a ham (not moonshine).

We were honored also at the annual Daniels Day Reunion the oldest continual family reunion in North Carolina which is regularly attended by various dignitaries including governors, legislators, and celebrities. This year's theme was "Mason's Day" and I was privileged to be the honored guest on behalf of Masons in North Carolina. The speaker for this event was Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and our Grand Orator Brother I. Beverly Lake Jr. At this time I was also pleased to present special recognition awards to Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr.; Melvin Daniels (former legislator and businessman); Grand Chaplain and Pastor Tom Supplee; "Moon" Tillet for extreme generosity to every cause in the name Masonry; and William "Shot" Cox for always being willing to feed the craftsmen; and to Mike Shillings for his work with the youth including long dedicated service to the Boy Scouts. These were in addition to service awards for the Honorable Mark Basnight, president of the NC State Senate and Carl Hayes, magistrate.

Brothers, one of the greatest honors I have ever been privileged to receive was that of being made an honorary member of Currituck Lodge No. 463.

Of all awards and benefits received none was greater than the opportunity to meet and build bonds with many dedicated caring men who daily practice the principles of the calebaw.

I will continually recognize brothers who go out of their way to exemplify the principles of Masonry through selfless and dedicated service to the causes and principles for which we stand.

Honorary Grand Lodge Membership

Our Masonic *Code* allows the grand master to designate as honorary members of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, members of our fraternity elsewhere in good standing who have demonstrated special service to the principles of our fraternity. This is a rare and exceptional honor. This year I am pleased to present the designation of honorary member of the North Carolina Grand Lodge to former US Senator, former presidential

candidate, and our brother, Bob Dole. This honor is in recognition of his unequivocal and unabashed proclamation of Masonic membership wherever he goes which is sometimes unfashionable among his contemporaries in today's times.

State of the Craft

Brethren, it has been noted by past Grand Orator and Chief Justice of our supreme court, I. Beverly Lake Jr., that the polarization of our society is perhaps the single most troubling social phenomenon of these times. Too often we are divided into warring camps of distrust and dislike fueled by jealousy. I continually observe that there are differences of opinion that divide. Disagreement is permitted and may be healthy. There is nothing wrong with debate and disagreement as long as they do not destroy us. In this light I have, as our past Grand Master Charles Cathey, called for a time out from inexorable and obstinate opinion and servant debate. I have asked us to focus on what unites rather than divides, to concentrate on the basic principles of our fraternity: friendship, morality and brotherly love. I believe that this has been readily and cheerfully adhered to by most of the brethren in our jurisdiction. Accordingly, I believe that the state of Freemasonry in our great state is very good. I believe that we are now presented with a great opportunity. Indeed as I have already alluded there is now the greatest need for men of integrity, personal responsibility and character — those who practice the principles upon which Freemasonry is based.

As I have traveled about this jurisdiction as grand master and during my many years as a circuit riding judge, I have always found a friend and a brother who is willing to come to the aid of another. These practices of Freemasonry and principles of the cabledow are seen in great acts of sacrifice and heroism or in small individual kindnesses shown one individual to another. These are so numerous it is difficult to choose which to recollect. Those I've shared include the frustration of a father when a son and his girlfriend are stranded as a result of car trouble in the middle of night hundreds of miles away. Knowing nothing else to do, the father goes to a Masonic directory and calls another who immediately comes to their aid and not only sees that the children are safe, but also repairs the automobile and gets them both to school on time the next morning.

Other examples include a father from Louisiana whose daughter is stranded in a bus terminal in Raleigh en route to Florida. She has experienced a bad situation from which she knew she must extricate herself. The father cannot get to his daughter or find out her true condition. He suspects there is more to the story that has been told. The only thing he knows to do is to call upon a brother in this jurisdiction. Without hesitation a North Carolina Mason goes to the child, identifies her, gets her a ticket to her home, stays with her until she is en route and comforts her.

In another situation, a young soldier trained as a sniper in Vietnam was confronted with a land mine. To save the life of others he stepped upon the mine and risked his own life. He was severely and permanently injured. He was awarded a purple heart which he shares symbolically with the other members of his team. It is no surprise that he is a member of our fraternity.

Masons do not have a monopoly of heroism, personal sacrifice, but it counts among its ranks a disproportionate number of heroes, altruistic persons dedicated to public service and performing charity or working help of others. In this state alone the chief justice of our Supreme Court, the president of our Senate, the speaker of the North Carolina House, and our senior US Senator are all Masons. Perhaps the same reasons that called them to public service are the very reasons attracting them to our fraternity. I am touched and awed by the good of Masons and the power of Freemasonry's principles. I believe that not only is the state of the craft good, but also that the world is a bit better today because of Masonry.

Recommendations

Brethren, I believe that it is the prerogative of the delegates to the Grand Lodge and the various boards and committees to offer recommendations to this Grand Lodge at the time of Annual Communication. Therefore I will refrain from making a significant number of recommendations at this time.

Grand Lodge Office

Brethren, the Grand Lodge Office with the Grand Secretary Walt Clapp and the staff, most of whom are very well known to you, are indeed the backbone of the administrative side of this fraternity. Without them our fraternity simply could not function. We are indeed blessed to have those experienced, but also dedicated individuals who do this not as a job, but as a love and a mission.

I have known our Grand Secretary Walt Clapp for many years, but I have come to know him in a greater way during the past months of my tenure as grand master. I speak to him every day, sometimes several times. The depth of his knowledge is equaled only by his love for our fraternity. To Walt I can only say, well done good and faithful servant.

I would be greatly remiss to not mention another person whom I have had the great privilege of coming to know in a greater way throughout this year. Ric Carter not only serves as editor of *The North Carolina Mason* and as an assistant to our grand secretary, but he is also a renaissance man. He is alternately erudite, compassionate, philosophical, pragmatic, and a cogently powerful communicator. Moreover Ric is a can do it man. If there is anything that needs to be accomplished and that you need to get done in the Grand Lodge you need only to contact Ric Carter to see that it is completed.

The Acknowledgments and Special Appreciation

First and foremost I give thanks to All Mighty God as Great Architect and his son, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Through this position, if anything, I have become closer and more aware of His presence than ever before.

I thank my wife, Tanya, who has been companion and helpmate for more years than I can remember. She has always been supportive of Masonry and without whom my term in this office would not have been possible.

I am most appreciative of Past Grand Master Clifton W. Everett Jr. for the opportunity he gave me in appointing me to the Grand Lodge line. Without the trust he put in me, I would not be here today.

I would like to thank all the members of the lodges in the first and third Masonic districts most especially for all their support and also to the members of the Dare County Shrine Club for providing food, hospitality, and cooking for our Grand Lodge installation and for all of their other support both to me and to our fraternity.

We are indebted to the Grand Lodge officers for their support and dedication. I am in awe of the quality and caliber of men who have been brought forward to serve this great fraternity. I believe that it is more than a coincidence and that which has been produced is something greater than the sum of its parts. I would like to especially acknowledge men like Doug Moore, Tommy Dowdy, Randall Homes, B.T. Phillips, and Pete Thomas who have served as advisors for whom I have great respect and admiration. I would like to especially thank my traveling companions, Grand Tyler Neal Combs and Roger Meadows, and the Masonic Home for Children Board of Directors. Living in the eastern most part of our state requires lots of driving and time for you to get anywhere. These gentlemen have sacrificed their time, their families and much else to travel with me in support of our fraternity. You come to know a lot about a person during these long hours.

I would also like to acknowledge my father-in-law, Past Master Ralph Umphlett. He has labored long in the quarries of our fraternity and who is indeed a Mason's

Mason. I knew Ralph even before I came to know his daughter (my wife). He has always supported me from early times when he filmed me riding as a small boy in Shrine Parades, attending all my football games and many other special events in my life. He has always been a brother, a friend, and a father to me.

I also give special thanks and recognition to my mother, Jeanine, who has always helped and pushed both my father and I in our Masonic endeavors. I know that I am a Mason today because of who my father was.

To each of you your loyalty overwhelms me.

Finally, brethren, I thank you, each of you for affording me the greatest honor, opportunity, and challenge of my life. While I may not have always pleased you I have always attempted to do the right thing for our fraternity, and I have always appreciated and admired you. Thank you, brothers, for the differences you make, and may God bless our fraternity and each and every one of you.

Report of the Board of General Purposes On The Distribution of The Report of the Past Grand Master and The Interim Report of the Grand Master.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes on the distribution of the Report of the Past Grand Master and the Interim Report of the Grand Master was read by Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, entered on the record and unanimously adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes in compliance with the provisions of *The Code*, has reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful William G. Mathis, and the Interim Report of Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett in all of its details and submits this report:

The Board recommends:

(1) That the parts of the report that relate to orders and other legal matters, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

(2) That the portions relative to matters of finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

(3) That the portions concerning the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, respectively, be referred to the respective boards of those institutions.

(4) We recommend the adoption of the Honorary Title of Past District Deputy Grand Master to those brethren contained in the Grand Masters' reports.

(5) That all other matters assigned without further specific reference to the committee or commissions which should properly consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of General Purposes

Report of the Committee on Appeals

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read by PGM Clifton W. Everett Jr. and was, upon due motion and second, adopted by sections, then adopted as a whole.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

1. We have reviewed the record on all cases which have been completed since the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 2000 and now pending before the Committee wherein the accused has been expelled under the provisions of Regulation 98-13 of *The Code* of 1995, as amended; and in those in which the accused appealed from the decision of the Judge Advocate or a Trial Commission. We particularly directed our attention to strict compliance with the regulations. Our recommendations in each of these cases is noted.

- (a) Docket 695: In the matter of charges preferred against TGP, a Master Mason and member of Doric Lodge No. 568 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on September 5, 2001 expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (b) Docket 696: In the matter of charges preferred against JBD, a Master Mason and member of Renfro Lodge No. 691 for a conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on October 22, 2001, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (c) Docket 697: In the matter of charges preferred against HWD, a Master Mason and member of Elkin Lodge No. 454 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on November 26, 2001, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (d) Docket 698: In the matter of charges preferred against KES, a Master Mason and member of Clay Lodge No. 301 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on November 26, 2001, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (e) Docket 699: In the matter of charges preferred against SJB, a Master Mason and member of Fulton Lodge No. 99 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on February 11, 2002, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (f) Docket 700: In the matter of MFO, a Master Mason and member of Mint Hill Lodge No. 742 for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on March 1, 2002, issued an order of reprimand.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

- (g) Docket 701: In the matter of BMB, a Master Mason and member of the Cape Hatteras Lodge No. 698 for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on June 28, 2002, issued a decision expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.

The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

- (h) Docket 702: In the matter of WRS, a Master Mason and member of Andrews Lodge No. 529 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on June 6, 2002, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (i) Docket 703: In the matter of ACB, an unaffiliated Master Mason for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on May 5, 2002, issued a decision expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

- (j) Docket 704: In the matter of HCP, a Master Mason and member of Truth Lodge No. 749 for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on June 19, 2002, issued a decision expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

- (k) Docket 705: In the matter of AHE, a Master Mason and member of Eureka Lodge No. 317 for conviction of a felony in which the Judge Advocate issued a decision on August 26, 2002, expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Judge Advocate be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- (l) Docket 706: In the matter of WOY, a Master Mason and member of Revolution Lodge No. 552 for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on August 2, 2002, issued a decision expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

- (m) Docket 707: In the matter of SLA, a Master Mason and member of Revolution Lodge No. 552 for un-Masonic conduct in which a duly constituted Trial Commission on August 2, 2002, issued a decision expelling the accused.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the decision of the Trial Commission be upheld.
The Grand Lodge upheld the decision of the Trial Commission.

2. The Committee on appeals also considered the following petitions for restoration:

- (a) Docket 672: In the matter of GEL, a former Master Mason and member of Union Lodge No. 618 who was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on July 23, 1999. After careful review of petitioner's petition, the committee recommends that it be allowed.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the restoration be allowed.
The Grand Lodge allowed the restoration.

- (b) Docket 633: In the matter of DST, a former Master Mason and member of Jefferson Penn Lodge No. 384 who was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on June 8, 1995. After careful review of petitioner's petition, the committee recommends that it be allowed.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the restoration be allowed.

The Grand Lodge allowed the restoration.

- (c) Docket 681: In the matter of BHB, a former Master Mason and member of Nellis Lodge No. 46 and Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 267 who was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on August 25, 2002. After careful review of petitioner's petition, the committee recommends that it be denied.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the restoration not be allowed.

The Grand Lodge did not allow the restoration.

- (d) Docket 656: In the matter of WRT, a former Master Mason and member of Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705 who was expelled for commission of a felony on October 6, 1997. After careful review of petitioner's petition, the committee recommends that it be denied.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the restoration not be allowed.

The Grand Lodge did not allow the restoration.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Haigwood
Ricky T. Matthews
Carl J. Weisel
Herbert T. Mullen Jr.
Rodger L. Meadows

Report of the Development Officer

The following report of the Development Office was read and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

As Masons, we strive for productive lives of service and charity. We also dedicate ourselves, by oath, to the care and support of the children and elderly who reside in our Masonic homes. The three Masonic charities — the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (MESH), the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO) and the North Carolina Masonic Foundation (NCMF) — outwardly project to the community the mission of our fraternity and the goodness that nurtures that mission, a commitment we have kept — financially and emotionally here in North Carolina — for more than 130 years.

For a fraternal-based organization like ours to continue its good works, it is essential that each of us understands how the development program works and, more importantly, how our gifts make a difference. Our development program, which raises and stewards the funds for our charities, is designed to allow us to provide support in several different ways.

Giving to the Annual Fund

The annual fund directly supports the operating costs for MESH and MHCO and is essential to the existence of our homes. The annual fund is supported by two separate campaigns that seek to ensure that the operating budget for each home is in place for the upcoming year. Between March and May, you receive a Mother's Day-themed appeal that provides funds for the operating budget for the Eastern Star Home. Between October and December, our focus is on development efforts to ensure that MHCO's annual budget needs are met. Both of our homes make every effort to keep all donors informed of events and progress through a series of newsletters and stories in *The North Carolina Mason* so that you can see your donations at work and understand how important every dollar is to the overall effort.

Planned Giving and Legacy Giving

Planned, or legacy gifts are donations that allow Brothers and their families to remember the homes in their wills as well as with gifts of personal property and charitable remainder trusts. These types of gifts provide more than 50 percent of our charities' annual operating budgets and, therefore, are extremely important to the charities' continued existence. If you are interested in exploring these planned giving options or need help in establishing these or many other types of legacy gifts, please call (919) 787-2021.

Giving to Capital Campaigns

Capital campaigns are specific, targeted programs that raise money for special programs, endowments and "brick and mortar" projects on our campuses to enhance the quality of care we can provide for our residents. Capital campaigns take place over an extended period of time to provide financial and emotional support for necessary improvements to our facilities and programs. This type of campaign unites our brotherhood in the quest for an important goal and extends our reach and our visibility beyond the fraternity to civic and business leaders, foundations, corporations and charitable interests.

As active and interested Masons, we can all work more effectively towards our goals when we understand the structure of our development program and how the money is used in our charitable efforts. In addition to our planned appeals, situations may arise when our Most Worshipful Grand Master may make a special appeal to you to support an extraordinary need of one of the charities. This doesn't mean that our charities are competing with each other. Instead, they work together to address specific needs while ensuring that our oaths and our dedication are properly and effectively directed.

The individual lodge fund-raising activities that take place throughout the year in support of our charities are the very lifeblood of our success. We encourage the continuation and expansion of these spirited events not only to support our charities financially, but also to build the camaraderie and goodwill that unites us as brothers and spreads the spirit of fun and caring that typifies what being a Mason is all about.

In our ongoing efforts to expand the awareness and appreciation of the Masonic fraternity across North Carolina, sometimes we forget to say thanks to all of our brothers who live Masonic lives — supporting their families, doing their jobs, paying their bills and working for the good of the brotherhood. Yes, it is expected of us as a testament to the oaths by which we are bound. And it is appreciated. From those of us who bear the responsibility for developing and managing the resources for our charities, allow me to say a heartfelt and humble, "Thank you." And may God bless our continuing efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Medlin
Director

Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence began its work during Friday afternoon's session. They concluded their work during the Saturday morning session. For ease of reference, all business of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is reported with the Saturday session.

Called from Labor to Refreshment

The business for the first day of Annual Communication ended with Grand Master Tillet's call from labor to refreshment.

Second Day

Called from Refreshment to Labor

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 28, 2002 in the Raleigh Civic Center, Raleigh, North Carolina by Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain Thomas B. Supplee

Report of the Committee on Finance

Robert E. Gresham Jr., on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the recommendations of that committee. Their recommendations were adopted by sections, and then adopted as a whole. The budget is found in the Grand Secretary's Report and other recommendations are contained in that report presented earlier in this *Proceedings*.

Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was presented by Past Grand Master Richard G. Moore. Each topic presented was voted on individually and then the report was adopted as a whole. Some actions were taken on Friday, but all are presented here for to ease reference.

Each subject for vote is followed by the Committee recommendation and the vote of the delegates to Grand Lodge.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submits the following report. For convenient reference, we use the same subjects, titles and subdivisions of the report of the Grand Master, as used by him or other documents submitted for our consideration and action in all of our references to those matters and subjects.

Order of the Grand Master Mathis

Order No. 3

In response to your lodge's request that I review the orders that were previously issued by Grand Master Charles Ingram and the request from the former secretary of the Lowell Lodge No. 590 for his honorarium, I appointed a committee to investigate the complaints.

Then Grand Master Charles M. Ingram investigated the problems with fundraising conducted by your lodge in 1999. He issued an order for Lowell Lodge No. 590 to show cause why their charter should not be arrested. In his statement, Brother Ingram ordered that the master be prohibited from holding office for a period of five years. The DDGM as his personal representative would attend all the communications of the lodge. Brother Ingram ordered an internal audit of the books and records of the

lodge.

The Committee reviewed the findings of the audit and determined that no further investigation was warranted. They made the following recommendations:

1. The former master will have to appeal to the Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals and to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication to have the terms of the order commuted.

2. The Committee agreed that the money owed by the lodge for the secretary's honorarium not be paid due to his dereliction of duty.

3. The Committee felt the lodge was operating properly and the action for the DDGM to attend the meetings could be reduced to quarterly.

4. The Committee felt that Brother Ingram should have removed the former secretary, Brother CKG, from his office at the time he removed the master. As Brother CKG is now serving as master of King Solomon Lodge No. 704, removing him now would create a hardship on the lodge he is presently serving. Therefore, it is the Committee's opinion that the grand master issue an order to bar Brother CKG from holding office for a period of time following his completion of his present term.

Based on the above, I hereby ORDER that:

1. The requirement for the DDGM to attend all communications of Lowell Lodge Nbo. 590 be dismissed and the good name and reputation of Lowell Lodge No. 590 be removed from suspicion of misconduct.

2. Lowell Lodge No. 590 not pay the customary honorarium to Worshipful Brother CKG.

3. Worshipful Brother CKG, at the completion of his term as master of King Solomon Lodge No. 704, not be allowed to hold any office or serve on any board, commission, or committee of the Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for a period of five years.

Entered under my hand and seal, at Rocky Point, North Carolina, this 6th day of December of 2001.

The Committee recommended approving Mathis Order No. 3.

The Grand Lodge approved Mathis Order No. 3.

Amendments to The Code

We have considered to following amendments to *The Code* as submitted by the Committee on Unfinished Business which was presented at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in 2001, to be acted on at this Annual Communication.

Amendment Group 1

The amendments under this group would allow the use of alcoholic beverages at non-Masonic functions in Masonic Lodge buildings.

Amend Regulation 43-3.3 to read as follows:

A lodge shall not, by any pretext, or for any purpose, or by any subterfuge introduce intoxicating liquors or beverages, or permit their use as a beverage ~~nor shall it rent any of its premises to any one who thereon sells intoxicating liquors with the exception of a pharmacist on any of its premises during, or as a part of any Masonic function.~~

Amend Regulation 43-3.4 to read as follows:

No lodge shall authorize, sponsor, sanction, hold, conduct or permit to be held in the name of Masonry ***any Masonic related*** meeting or gathering, where alcoholic beverages are permitted, served or consumed as a part of such meetings or gatherings.

Submitted by: Hiram Lodge No. 40

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 2

This amendment group was withdrawn.

Amendment Group 3

The amendments under this group would require lodges to set their dues as a specified amount without regard to the per capita tax. The Code was amended in 2000 to require that lodge dues be set with reference to the per capita tax. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence offered a substitute amendment to allow alternative methods for lodges to set their dues.

Amend Regulation 44-7.4 (Article 10) of *The Code* to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be _____ dollars (\$ ____) ~~plus Grand Lodge per capita tax as specified in Regulation 20-1.1 of The Code~~ which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January.

NOTE: An amendment to Section 1 of this article shall not become effective until January First next following the date it is approved by the chairman of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Submitted by: Youngsville Lodge No. 377

This original amendment was withdrawn by the submitting lodge.

Substitute Amendment Group 3

Amend Regulation 44-7.4 (Article 10) of *The Code* to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be _____ dollars (\$ ____) plus Grand Lodge per capita tax as specified in Regulation 20-1.1 of *The Code* which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January.

OR

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be _____ dollars (\$ ____) which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January.

NOTE: An amendment to Section 1 of this article shall not become effective until January First next following the date it is approved by the chairman of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

The Committee recommended approving the substitute amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the substitute amendment.

Amendment Group 4

The amendments under this group would cause the election of the grand deacons, grand marshal, grand stewards, and would allow politicking in both the Grand Lodge and in subordinate lodges.

Amend the following regulations to read as follows:

REG. 11-1 OFFICERS.

The elective and appointed officers of the grand lodge, their ranks, designations, and titles shall be as follows:

1. The elective grand officers, each of whom shall be installed in his own proper person and not by proxy, shall be as follows:

RANK DESIGNATION	TITLE
1. Grand master	Most Worshipful
2. Deputy grand master	Right Worshipful
3. Senior grand warden	Right Worshipful
4. Junior grand warden	Right Worshipful
5. Grand treasurer	Right Worshipful
6. Grand secretary	Right Worshipful
7. <i>Senior grand deacon</i>	<i>Worshipful</i>
8. <i>Junior grand deacon</i>	<i>Worshipful</i>
9. <i>Grand marshal</i>	<i>Worshipful</i>
10. <i>Senior grand steward</i>	<i>Worshipful</i>
11. <i>Junior grand steward</i>	<i>Worshipful</i>

2. The appointed grand officer who shall be installed either in person or by proxy is as follows:

1. Senior grand deacon	Worshipful
2. Junior grand deacon	Worshipful
3. Grand marshal	Worshipful
4. Senior grand steward	Worshipful
5. Junior grand steward	Worshipful
6. 1. Grand tyler	Worshipful

3. The appointed grand officers who shall not be installed are as follows:

1. Grand chaplain	Worshipful
2. Grand historian	Worshipful
3. Grand lecturer	Worshipful
4. Grand orator	Worshipful
5. Judge advocate	Worshipful

REG. 12-1 MANNER OF ELECTION.

At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected ~~without nomination~~ **by nomination from the Grand Lodge Nominating Committee and from the floor (Reg. 27-1.3R)** a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, ~~and~~ a Grand Secretary, **a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Grand Marshal, a Senior Grand Steward, and a Junior Grand Steward** by written ballot.

REG. 34-23 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Lodge Officers Nominating Committee of three members, one member to serve for three years, one member to serve for two years and one member to serve for one year. The Grand Master shall appoint one member in each ensuing year to replace the third year member as his term expires. The third year member will serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to place in nomination one person for each elective office in regulation 11-1. 1 of The Code. The presiding officer shall call for further nominations from the floor of the Grand Lodge three times with a pause after each. If he hears no further nominations, he will declare the nomination for the office closed. If there are more than two nominations for any office and the office is not filled on the first ballot only the two receiving the most votes on

the first ballot may proceed in the balloting. No vote is to be reported for a person not nominated. [reg. 12-2]

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.

~~14. To solicit votes by any means, direct, or indirect, to promote the election of one's self, or of anyone else, to office in his lodge or in the Grand Lodge in violation of Regulations 86-2-16, 54-3-2-B.~~

~~16. Electioneering in any way for one's self, or for anyone else, for office in the Grand Lodge is prohibited as unmasonic, and any brother found guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office for two years, or if in office shall forfeit the office held by him and in addition thereto, he may be punished for unmasonic conduct.~~

REG. 54-3 VOTING.

~~B. Nominations for office in subordinate lodges shall not be permitted, except as required when the Deacons or Stewards are elected.~~

REG. 27-1. MANDATORY.

3. Committees:

R. Grand Lodge Officers Nominating Committee.

Submitted by: J. B. McLaughlin, PM Mint Hill 742

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 5

Group 5 includes two conflicting proposals. Both proposals concern Chapter 50 of The Code which deals with visitation.

Amendment Group 5 A

The amendments under this group would strip the master of the lodge of the power to determine who may sit in his lodge as a visitor.

Amend regulation 50-5.7 to read as follows:

~~7. — If the question of admission arises between a visiting Mason and a member, the Master should regard the wishes of the member in preference to those of the visitor.~~

7. No visitor can be admitted into a lodge if a member of such lodge makes an objection. Such objection shall not extend beyond the communication at which it is made and shall not be recorded.

REG. 59-2 MASTER.

Some, but not all, of the powers of the master of a lodge which are also duties to be performed by him, or at his direction and under his supervision, are as follows.

~~7. — He may decide who shall be admitted to the lodge and he may deny admission to a visitor.~~

Submitted by: James B. McLaughlin, PM
Mint Hill Lodge No. 742

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 5b

The amendments under this group would remove unnecessary provisions from Chapter 50 on visitation and would make clear that a member's right to object to a visitor is sub-

ject to the power of the master to determine who may visit the lodge.

Amend Chapter 50 by repealing Reg. 50-4 and 50-5 and by amending 50-1 through 50-3 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 50. Visitation

REG. 50-1 RIGHT OF VISITATION.

A Master Mason in good standing has the right to visit another lodge, and he should not be deprived of that right without very good cause. The right is subject to the provisions of Chapter 51 concerning avouchment, the authority of the Master, and the right of a member to object. ~~pursuant to Regulation 50-5.~~

REG. 50-2 APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFT.

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft in good standing and not in default may be admitted to visit any lodge other than his own when open on the degree he has attained only by courtesy of the presiding officer and provided no member objects. [71-10; 73-6; 74-2].

1. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft has no right to such visitation.
2. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft cannot be examined for avouchment, nor can he visit any lodge other than his own unless the presiding officer of such lodge shall have personal knowledge of his status or a known Master Mason in the presence of such presiding officer shall have knowledge of his status and saw the candidate advanced to the degree he claims to have received, or that he has lawful Masonic knowledge that he has advanced to that degree.

REG. 50-3 CLANDESTINE VISITORS PROHIBITED.

A member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge is not permitted to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction. No visitor shall be admitted to a lodge in this jurisdiction who is not a Master Mason and, at the time of visitation, a member in good standing in a regular lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge. A Mason who is not thus qualified cannot enjoy any of the rights and benefits of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

~~REG. 50-4 VISITOR MUST BE AVOUCHED.~~

~~No brother shall be admitted to any lodge or the Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Taking up the Word in a subordinate lodge or the Grand Lodge does not dispense with the necessity for his being properly examined or vouched for.~~

~~REG. 50-5 PREROGATIVE OF THE MASTER.~~

~~It is the prerogative of the Master to say who shall and who shall not be admitted as a visitor to his lodge, subject to the right of a member to object as provided in this Regulation, and for the abuse thereof the Master shall be accountable only to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.~~

1. ~~Only a member of a lodge has the right to object to the presence or the admission of a visiting Mason.~~
2. ~~It is a personal right and may be communicated privately to the Master.~~
3. ~~It shall not be exercised by proxy.~~
4. ~~Objection made to the Master by a member to a proposed visitor shall not be valid during the absence of the objector.~~
5. ~~A member cannot object and the Master cannot exclude a Grand Lodge Officer, the District Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Lecturer when making an official visitation.~~
6. ~~A member cannot object to the visitation of a candidate on whom a degree is being~~

conferred for another lodge after the degree has started.

7. ~~If the question of admission arises between a visiting Mason and a member, the Master should regard the wishes of the member in preference to those of the visitor.~~
8. ~~If a member of a lodge objects to sitting with a visiting Mason and the latter is asked to leave, the visitor cannot as a right demand the name of the objector or the grounds of his objection.~~
9. ~~The Master cannot require a member to give his reasons for objecting to the presence of a visiting Mason, nor can the member be disciplined for objecting.~~

Submitted by: William L. Mills III, Past Deputy Grand Master

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

Amendment Group 6

The amendments under this group would lower the minimum age to petition a lodge to eighteen.

Amend Reg. 66-1.6 to read as follows:

REG. 66-1 QUALIFICATIONS

6. He must be not less than ~~twenty-one~~ **eighteen** years of age at the time his petition is signed. The Grand Master may not waive the provisions of the law requiring an applicant for the degrees to be eighteen years of age at the time the petition is signed.

Submitted by:

Wendell Lodge No. 565
Grimesland Lodge No. 475
Gate City Lodge No. 694

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

Amendment Group 7

The amendments under this group would provide for the Grand Lodge to share its territorial jurisdiction by compact.

Amend SECTION 2-2 to read as follows:

SECTION 2-2. Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge.

The sovereignty of the Grand Lodge touching upon all Masonic matters within, but not outside of, its territorial boundary is full and complete and any of its subordinate lodges has the right to receive the petition of any profane for the degrees or the application of any nonaffiliated Mason for affiliation who possess the physical, mental, moral and residential qualifications ~~that may be required by the Constitution, Regulations, and Laws~~ of the Grand Lodge. No other Grand Lodge shall have or exercise any rights within this territorial jurisdiction ***unless by compact (mutual consent) approved by*** ~~of~~ this Grand Lodge.

Submitted by:

H. Lloyd Wilkerson; William L. Mills III, PDGM
Walter F. McCall, PGM 1986; Ray Norris, PGM 1992
Richard G. Moore, PGM 1993; William B. Brunk, PGM 1994

William H. Simpson, PGM 1996; Gerry T. Smith, PGM 1997 Thomas W. Gregory, PGM 1998; Charles M. Ingram, PGM 1999 Charles E. Cathey, PGM 2000; William G. Mathis, PGM 2001

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment (330-362)

Amendment Group 8

The amendments under this group would require publication of intimate financial details of all compensation paid to all Grand Lodge employees.

Amend Regulation 34-5 of *The Code* to add the following subsection:

REG. 34-5 DUTIES AND POWERS.

The duties and powers of the Committee on Finance are as follows.

...

- 4. *The proposed budget sent to the subordinate lodges for review prior to annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall include a complete and definitive accounting of all salaries, benefits, and expenditures for every employee of the Grand Lodge.***

Submitted by: Bakersville Lodge No. 357

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 9

The amendments under this group would exempt a lodge from payment of per capita tax for members whose dues it remits.

Proposal to Amend Reg. 20-1 to add the following:

- 5. *A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has had his dues remitted because of a mental, physical, or financial hardship.***

Submitted by: East Gate Lodge No. 692

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 10

The amendments under this group would change the effective date of amendments to The Code to conform to the change in the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge from April to September.

Amend 10-1.4 to read as follows:

SECTION. 10-1.4. Manner of Amendment.

...

- 4. If upon the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, such proposal shall receive not less than two-thirds of the votes cast, the proposal shall be declared adopted; but it shall not take effect until ~~July thirty-first~~ **January first** following its adoption, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge at the time of its adoption.**

Respectfully submitted: Board of General Purposes

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

Amendment Group 11

The amendments under this group would restrict the introduction of proposed amendments to The Code.

Amend 10-1 by adding subsection B, C and renumber present B to D to read as follows:

SECTION. 10-1. Manner of Amendment.

Except when a general revision of *The Code* is ordered by the Grand Lodge, as provided in Section 10-2, or any part of this Constitution or any of the Regulations can be amended, repealed, revised or altered in the following manner:

1. A proposal to alter, amend, revise or repeal any part of the constitution, or any regulation, article, section, or subdivision, or any part of *The Code*, must be submitted to the Grand Lodge not later than noon of the second day of any annual communication, and the proposal shall take the course provided in this section.
 - A. Such proposal shall be in writing, setting forth expressly, or clearly identifying, the matter intended to be affected, and in such form as to express the law as intended and it must be submitted either as a substitute, alteration, amendment, revision or repeal of the chapter regulation, article, section or subdivision of *The Code* which it is intended to affect, or as an addition thereto.
 - B. Any member of a subordinate lodge may propose a change or amendment to The Code or Constitution. Such proposal shall first be submitted to his lodge at a stated communication and expressly approved by 2/3 of the members present before it shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge. The Secretary shall attest the lodges approval under seal of the lodge.**
 - C. **Amendments may also be submitted by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Boards, Commissions or Committees of The Grand Lodge**
 - D. Such proposal may be numbered or lettered as an additional chapter, regulation, article, section or subdivision of *The Code*.

Submitted by: Hollis Lodge No. 535

The Committee recommended a substitute amendment that added the following to the list of those who may introduce proposed amendments to The Code: "present and past elective officers, present appointive officers, District Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand appointive officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Lecturers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees to the Grand Lodge."

The Committee recommended approving the substitute amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the substitute amendment.

Then the Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

Amendment Group 12

The amendments under this group would require a two-thirds vote in order for the Grand Lodge to recognize any other Grand Lodge.

Renumber Section 6-2 to 6-3

Add new Section 6-2 to read as follows:

SECTION. 6-2. Vote on Recognition.

No Grand Lodge shall be recognized by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina until by an affirmative vote by 2/3 of the voting members present.

Submitted by:

James A. Johnson Lodge No. 413, Louisburg, NC

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

Amendment Group 13

The amendments under this group would prohibit the Grand Lodge from reconsidering recognition of a Grand Lodge not recognized when first proposed for five years.

Renumber Section 6-2 to 6-3 or 6-4

Add new Section 6-3 to read as follows:

SECTION 6-3. Proposal of Recognition by the Committee on Fraternal Recognition.

The Committee on Fraternal Recognition may not re-propose recognition of any Grand Lodge, within or without the State of North Carolina, for a period of 5 years after the same has been rejected by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, unless by unanimous consent of the voting members present.

Submitted by:

James A. Johnson Lodge No. 413, Louisburg, NC

The Amendment was ruled out of order.

Amendment Group 14

The amendments under this group would reduce the number of voting members of the Grand Lodge. At the September 2001 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge 961 brothers registered as principal officers of subordinate lodges or their proxies, 28 brothers registered as DDGLs, 34 brothers registered as DDGMs, 45 brothers registered as members of boards, committees and commissions, 16 brothers registered as grand officers, and 16 brothers registered as past elective grand officers. This proposal would have eliminated 135 votes in the 2001 Grand Lodge. At the September 2002 Annual Communication 1,143 brothers will be eligible to register as principal officers of subordinate lodges or their proxies, 41 brothers will be eligible to register as DDGLs, 41 brothers will be eligible to register as DDGMs, 124 brothers will be eligible to register as members of boards, committees and commissions, 18 brothers will be eligible to register as Grand Lodge officers, and 19 brothers will be eligible to register as past elective Grand Lodge officers. This proposal would eliminate 253 of those potential votes.

Amend Reg. 19 -3 and Chapter 3 - 1 to read as follows:

REG. 19-3 WHO MAY VOTE IN THE GRAND LODGE.

In all elections and in all questions before the Grand Lodge: [2-1.3]

1. Each subordinate lodge represented therein be entitled to three votes to be cast by the three principal officers or their duly appointed proxies.
- ~~2. Each grand officer present, elective or appointive, shall have only one vote as such, and no other vote except as provided in Regulation 19-4 for the Grand Master.~~
- ~~3. The Grand Tyler may vote if he desires to do so; but his failure to vote will not in any manner affect the legality of the voting or the result thereof.~~
- ~~4. Each past elective grand officer shall have one vote as such and, in addition there-~~

to, shall have any vote to which he may be entitled as the representative of his subordinate lodge.

- ~~5. Each member of the Grand Lodge, as set forth in Section 3-1, shall have only one vote as such and, in addition thereto, shall have any vote to which he may be entitled as the representative of his subordinate lodge, except installed elective or appointive officers of the Grand Lodge who may not serve as proxies.~~
- ~~6. Except the Grand Tyler, every member of the Grand Lodge present must vote unless he is personally interested in the question, or he was absent when the question was first put to a vote, or unless excused by the Grand Master.~~
2. The Grand Master or other appropriate presiding officer may cast a vote only to break a tie.

Amend Section 3-1 to read:

SECTION 3-1. Membership of the Grand Lodge.

The membership of the Grand Lodge shall consist of:—

- ~~1. Its present and past elective officers.~~
- ~~2. Its present appointive officers.~~
- ~~3. ¶ the Masters and Wardens of its chartered and constituted subordinate lodges, for the time being, or their legally appointed proxies.~~
- ~~4. Its mandatory elective and appointive boards, committees, and commissions, for the time being, including members of boards of directors named or elected by it.~~
- ~~5. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Masonic Districts.~~
- ~~6. The District Deputy Grand Lecturers of the several Masonic Districts.~~

Submitted by: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

The Committee recommended rejecting the amendment.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 15

The amendments under this group would allow dances to be held in the lodge.

Amend Reg 86-2.35 to read as follows:

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.

The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or unmasonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of *The Code*.

...

35. To use or allow the use of lodge room for lotteries, games of chance, card parties, ~~dances~~, gambling, or other purposes which would discredit Masonry.

Submitted by: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

A Friday hand vote was too close to call. A written vote was held on Saturday.

The Grand Lodge rejected the amendment.

Amendment Group 16

The amendments under this group would allow the formation of ball teams and sports clubs by lodges.

Amend Reg 86-2.47 which presently reads:

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.

The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or unmasonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of THE CODE.

47. ~~To belong to baseball or other sports club or sports group composed of Masons which uses the name of a lodge or the word Masonic or any derivation thereof, as its club or group name. Such activities are not of a Masonic nature or purpose.~~

47. (OBSOLETE)

Submitted by: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

The Committee recommended approving the amendment.

the Grand Lodge approved the amendment.

**Amendment Groups Referred To The Code Commission For
Consideration, Revision, Presentation in 2003,
or Other Disposition**

Amendment Group 1

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was unable to determine that these proposed amendments made any change in the existing Masonic Law or what change the proposer intended to make.

Amend Regulation 43-3.16 to read as follows:

No lodge shall permit the use of any part of its buildings, facilities, or grounds for lotteries, games of chance, gambling, or for any purpose **that is not within the laws of the State of North Carolina** or would discredit Masonry.

Amend Regulation 86-2.35 to read as follows:

To use or allow the use of lodge room for lotteries, games of chance, gambling, or other purposes **that are not within the laws of the State of North Carolina** or which would discredit Masonry.

Submitted by: Hiram Lodge No. 40

Amendment Group 2

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was unable to determine that these proposed amendments made any change in the existing Masonic Law.

Amend Reg. 66-1 by adding subsection 14 to read as follows:

14. Masons who are active "Dad Advisors" to a Demolay Chapter may, upon a Demolay members' nineteenth birthday, explain the purposes, benefits and responsibilities of being a Mason, and without recommendation present the Demolay member with a petition.

Submitted by: Gate City Lodge No. 694

Amendment Group 3

Group 3 includes two similar but distinct proposals which concern opening the Lodge on a degree other than the Master Masons degree to conduct business.

Amendment Group 3A

Group 3A would return North Carolina to the former practice still common in many Grand Lodges around the world of conducting all business on the Entered Apprentice

degree. The proposal as submitted specifically requested "Amend any other regulations required to conform to this amendment." The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has referred Group 3A to the Code Commission pursuant to that request.

Amend Regulation 45-9 to read as follows:

REG. 45-9 DEGREE ON WHICH LODGE OPENED.

All business shall be transacted in ~~a Master Mason's Lodge~~ **an Entered Apprentices Lodge**, except proficiency, examinations, and degree work in the ~~first and second and third~~ degrees, or the discipline of **Entered Apprentices and** Fellow Craft ~~and Master Masons~~ as provided in Chapter 100.

1. A subordinate lodge shall be opened and closed on the degree of Entered Apprentice in Form, and on the third degree in Due Form, except when the Grand master opens and presides, then they shall be opened and closed in Ample Form.
2. The representatives of the three Lesser Lights shall be lighted at all times when a lodge is opened on the Degree of Entered Apprentice. It shall be optional whether they be lighted at any other time when the lodge is open. Their place shall be in a triangular position near the altar.

Amend any other regulations required to conform to this amendment.

Submitted by: Western Star Lodge No. 91

Amendment Group 3B

Group 3B would allow North Carolina Lodges to conduct business on either the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, or the Master Mason degree. The proposal as submitted does not address the considerations as to whether an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft should pay dues or vote. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has referred Group 3B to the Code Commission for this reason.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence hopes that the Code Commission and the proposers of Groups 3A and 3B will agree on a common proposal for consideration in 2003.

Amend Section 45-9 to read:

REG. 45-9 DEGREE ON WHICH LODGE OPENED.

The business of the lodge ~~shall be transacted~~ **may be conducted** in a ~~Master Mason's Lodge except proficiency, examinations, and degree work in the first and second degrees, or the discipline of Fellow Craft and Master Masons as provided in Chapter 100.~~ **lodge opened on the First, Second, or Third Degree at the discretion of the Master of the lodge or the Acting Master in the absence of the Master.**

1. **Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts may attend business meetings of the lodge provided the lodge is not opened on a degree higher than that which they have attained.**
 - A. **An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall not have a vote on any matter or petition brought before the lodge although he may have a voice on matters proper to be discussed in open lodge.**
 - B. **An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may fill the place of a vacant appointed officer from time to time but shall not be appointed or installed to any office.**
 - C. **Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of the Lodge and therefore do not enjoy the benefits of membership of the lodge except that they may receive Masonic funeral rites pursuant to chapter 82. [74-2; 76-2; 77-2; 82-7].**
2. **Stated communications opened on the first or second degree shall be OPENED FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS and CLOSED UNTIL THE**

NEXT STATED COMMUNICATION UNLESS SOONER CONVENED.

3. *A subordinate lodge shall be opened and closed on the degree of Master Mason in Due Form and on the first and second degrees in Form, except when the Grand Master opens and presides, then they shall be opened and closed in Ample Form.*
4. *The representatives of the three lesser light shall be lighted at all times when a lodge is open on the Degree of Entered Apprentice. It shall be optional whether they be lighted at any other time when the lodge is open. Their places shall be in a triangular position near the altar.*

Amend Section 45-18 to read:

REG. 45-18 MASTER MASON'S LODGE CLOSED.

Every Master Mason's Lodge shall be closed until the next stated communication unless sooner convened. Lodges of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons shall be closed without date ***except as specified in 45-9.2.***

Amend Section 74-2 to read:

REG. 74-2 STATUS.

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are Masons of their respective degrees ~~but shall not be permitted to participate in nor to receive Masonic burial, nor shall they be subject to dues. They are not members of the lodge. and as such are entitled to Masonic burial, they are not members of the lodge and are not subject to dues.~~

Submitted by: Scott Anderson, DDGL - 12

Amendment Group 4

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has referred the resolution of Bingham Lodge No. 272, reported here as Amendment Group 4, to The Code Commission as the "appropriate committee" under the resolution.

We the members of Bingham Lodge No. 272 in Mebane, North Carolina are concerned that a man can be elected for the degrees of Masonry and be initiated and/or passed and for some reason not be able to advance within six months. Then he may apply for advancement after six months and be denied by one black cube. The problem is then two fold; first, the lodge is stuck with a person who is not a member and cannot become a member but is connected with that lodge until he dies. Second, he cannot go to another lodge to become a Master Mason. Often this man would be a wonderful Mason, but is forever stuck in limbo. We believe this to be wronging both the Masonry and the man.

We therefore propose that *The Code* be changed to allow the man to be released from the lodge he is bound to and to be able to petition another lodge for the degrees of Masonry. This could be done in two possible ways; first to be able to resign from the lodge or second, to be able to transfer to another lodge to continue receiving the degrees.

We leave it up to the appropriate committee to come up with the proper wording to propose as the wording to go into *The Code* if approved by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Amendment Group 5

Amendment Group 5 as presented is not in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge. Among other considerations the proposal calls on the Committee on Masonic Education to develop a "test." The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is unable to determine either whether such a test can be developed or if such an undertaking is possible, whether the Committee on Masonic Education is willing to undertake the task. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence does not believe this proposal should be submitted

for consideration by the Grand Lodge until the proposed "test" is also available for consideration.

Amend Reg. 53-2 to add the following subsection:

REG. 53-2 QUALIFICATIONS.

The qualifications of the officers of a lodge shall be as follows:

...

- 10. One of the most important duties of an officer of a Lodge is to administer and ensure compliance with The Code within his Lodge. Therefore, before being considered for an ELECTIVE office in the Lodge, a candidate must pass a written test that demonstrates that he has sufficient knowledge of The Code to find regulations related to matters that directly impact the business of a lodge. This test will be "open book" since the idea is to make certain that the candidate knows how to use The Code. The test will be developed by the Grand Lodge Education Committee and will be administered in the lodge by the Master or a knowledgeable Brother appointed by the Master. Upon passing the test, the candidate will have this noted in the minutes of the next Stated Communication of his lodge and it will be so noted on the Report of Doings of that communication and in his permanent record in the archives of the lodge. A letter attesting his passing the test will be signed by the master of the lodge and attested by the secretary over the seal of the lodge. This will be done on an "honor system" within each lodge as its purpose is to educate, not to eliminate, potential candidates for elective office. Appointed officers should be encouraged in the study of The Code while they are coming up the appointive line.**

As with the required third degree catechism, once passed, the result is for life. Former elective officers who go through the line again will not be required to be retested. A test from a former lodge shall carry over should the brother demit to another lodge.

Should an appointive officer be advanced during the year due to a vacancy, he has until the next Annual Stated Communication to pass proficiency to allow him to be lawfully elected to a full term.

Submitted by:

Jack Mchaffey Callahan Jr., P. P. Turner 746

Steven C. Collins, Master, P. P. Turner 746

Michael Denny, Secretary, Mattamuskeet 328

Amendment Group 6

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was unable to determine that these proposed amendments made any change in the existing Masonic Law or what change the proposers intended to make.

Amend REG. 36-3 to add the following:

REG. 36-3 SOLE OBJECT OF ALL DEBATE.

The sole object of all debate in the Grand Lodge or in subordinate lodges is to elicit decisions which shall be for the good of the Craft. Hence, all questions under discussion must be positively determined at the time, or final action must be postponed to a definitely stated time when the question must again be resumed and finally decided. **Master Masons in good standing of lodges in North Carolina, who are attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, may, with the permission of the Grand Master, take part in debate subject to the same rules as members. Though they have no vote and may present no motions or seconds to motions, ANY Master Mason shall have the right to be heard, unless debate has been restricted in accordance with other regulations of The Code.**

Amend Chapter 3 to add the following:

SECTION 3-6. Master Masons Other than Members Who Attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Master Masons in good standing of lodges in North Carolina, who are attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, may, with the permission of the Grand Master, take part in debate subject to the same rules as members. Though they have no vote and may present no motions or seconds to motions, ANY Master Mason shall have the right to be heard, unless debate has been restricted in accordance with other regulations of The Code.

Submitted by:

Jack Mchaffey (Jay) Callaham, Jr., P. P. Turner 746

Steven C. Collins, Master, P. P. Turner 746

Amendment Group 7

In practice the amendments under this group would impose term limits on the grand secretary and grand treasurer. The proposal does not specify how the incumbents in those offices would be treated in the event of its passage. The grand secretary is a full time employee of the Grand Lodge, therefore this amendment might have considerable negative impact on the finances of the Grand Lodge if it is considered and adopted. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence suggests that The Code Commission review this proposal with the Finance Committee before allowing it to go forward.

Amend Reg. 11-7 to read as follows:

REG. 11-7 TERM OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

All elective grand officers shall hold office until the next annual communication or until their successors are elected and installed. ***No elective grand officer shall hold any single office for more than three years in succession.***

Submitted by: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

Amendment Group 8

The proposals in this group are not in proper form for presentation to the Grand Lodge. The proposals seem to combine in one new officer two sets of conflicting duties. One set of duties requires this officer to act as a "court appointed attorney" for any brother accused of a Masonic offense. The other set of duties makes this officer a standing prosecutor to bring charges against "officers/appointees/employees of the Grand Lodge." Without comment on the inherent divisiveness of the later set of duties, the Committee does not believe that the two sets of duties can or should be combined in a single office. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is also unable to determine whether the proposed officer or officers are elected or appointed or what his term of office. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is also troubled by the inherent conflict between the proposed officers duties to "bring action against officers/appointees/employees of the Grand Lodge" and to "perform such other duties as the Grand Master... may prescribe."

Amend 11-1.3 by adding the following subsection:

REG. 11-1 OFFICERS.

The elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge, their ranks, designations, and titles shall be as follows:

...

3. The appointive grand officers who shall not be installed are as follows:

...

6. Inspector General – Worshipful

Amend Chapter 17 by adding the following regulations:

REG. 17 - 10 DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

The qualifications, selection, and duties of the Inspector General shall be as follows:

- 1. The Inspector General (IG) shall be a Past Master in good standing, well versed in Masonic jurisprudence. He shall be nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. He shall not be installed and his term of office shall be two years.*
- 2. The Inspector General shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Trial Code for an attorney for any Brother Mason accused of a Masonic offense, who requests his assistance. He is to act as the "court appointed attorney" for that Brother.*
- 3. The IG is also specifically charged to assist any Master Mason or group of Master Masons in good standing who requests his assistance to bring action against officers/appointees/employees of the Grand Lodge who are, in the opinion of the Brother(s), in violation of The Code. He is to maintain scrupulous confidentiality of the Brother(s) and to treat all conversations, correspondence, and actions with those Brethren as privileged and secret in accordance with our obligations. He is to give guidance to the Brother(s) requesting his assistance and may, at his own discretion, present charges on behalf of the Brother(s) should he feel such action is justified. He is to work closely with the Judge Advocate in such a case.*
- 4. The IG may choose to not participate in an action should he determine that such action is without merit, but will advise the Brother(s) how to properly proceed should they desire to do so after seeking his advice.*
- 5. The IG is to be the advocate for those Brethren who are NOT officers of the Grand Lodge.*
- 6. The IG shall also perform other such duties as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may prescribe. He shall work closely with the Judge Advocate in matters in which there is no conflict of interests and which do not conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge.*

Submitted By: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

Amendment Group 9

The proposals in this group are not in proper form for presentation to the Grand Lodge. The proposals add to Regulation 94-11 Rules of Evidence what purport to be Rules of Discovery. Discovery sufficient to protect the rights of any accused and well beyond the dictates of civil law is inherent in Masonic Jurisprudence. The proposal does not specify the manner in which the "discovery" it contemplates is to be accomplished. The proposal violates the most fundamental concepts of Masonic Jurisprudence by attempting to impose on the Judge Advocate an affirmative duty to violate his oath as a Master Mason.

REG. 94-11 RULES OF EVIDENCE

...

- 6. Discovery: As all accused Brothers are presumed innocent until proven guilty (REG 90-4), ALL documents, notes, correspondence of any kind, depositions, videotapes, audiotapes, investigating commission reports, and/or any other materials used by the prosecution in developing charges against a Brother shall be made available to that Brother and/or his attorney upon written request.*
 - A. Any and all material that was made available to the prosecution, whether actually used in the development of charges or not, shall be*

made available to the accused Brother and/or his attorney. A full and complete list of all such material shall be delivered to the accused Brother at the same time and in the same manner as his charges are delivered.

- B. The prosecution and/or Judge Advocate, if not prosecuting the case himself, shall keep scrupulous notes of any and all private conversations and/or correspondence relating to the case from officials and employees of the Grand Lodge. This information shall be provided to the accused Brother and/or his attorney, without request, within five business days of receipt of such conversation/correspondence.*
- C. The prosecution and/or Judge Advocate, if not prosecuting the case himself, will notify the accused Brother and/or his attorney of any other conversation/correspondence relating to the case from any Mason. Such information from Masons not directly involved in the case is not to be considered privileged and shall be shared with the accused and his attorney.*
- D. Any other conversation, correspondence, material of any kind, whether formal or informal, received by the prosecutor and/or Judge Advocate from any source shall be shared with the accused Brother and/or his attorney without request within five business days of receipt.*

Submitted by: P.P. Turner Lodge No. 746

Amendment Group 10

The proposals in this group are not in proper form for presentation to the Grand Lodge. The proposals as submitted make the "formation of local chapters of national Masonic clubs" a "Specific Masonic Offense" while arguably allowing the formation of clubs without such a "national" charter in lodges. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence believes that this is the opposite of the intent of Charles M. Setzer Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence encourages the development and introduction of a proposal to provide for local chapters of the many well established Masonic clubs and societies that operate under national and international charters. In drafting a proposal the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence directs the attention of The Code Commission to Sec. 2-5.

Amend 86-2.26 to read as follows:

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.

The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or un-masonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of THE CODE.

...

- ~~26. To participate in forming a club for social or for non-Masonic purposes and to adopt the name Masonic Club, or any other name, derivation, phraseology, designation, symbol, or title peculiar to Masonry, or which would identify it with Masonry in the minds of the public or with other Masons, or to participate in forming any club within the membership of a lodge.~~
- 26. Allow for the formation of local chapters of national Masonic clubs or associations which are legally chartered by a recognized grand lodge and have members residing in North Carolina.

Submitted by: Charles M. Setzer Lodge No. 693

AMENDMENT GROUPS ORDERED
NOT PUBLISHED WITHOUT FURTHER DISPOSITION

Amendment Group 1

The amendments under this group conflict with those provisions of The Code providing the manner in which a lodge shall conduct its business. In as much as the subject matter of the amendments under this group is adequately addressed by Amendment Group 12 ordered published for consideration at the 2002 Annual Communication, no further disposition is required.

Add SECTION 10-1, I.C. to read as follows:

- C. All proposed Amendments to The Code shall be submitted by a subordinate lodge, after unanimous vote of the lodge, and under the seal of the lodge, certifying approval and the date of the vote, or by a standing committee of the Grand Lodge.**

Submitted by:
James A. Johnson Lodge No. 413, Louisburg, NC

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE
Charles A. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master
Leonard Y. Safrit Jr., Senior Grand Warden
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Dweey L. Keller Jr., PM
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H. Lloyd Wilkerson, PM
William B. Brunk, MD
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Randall E. Holmes, PM

Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report which was read, received, and hereby entered upon the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials herewith submits it final report for the 215th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:

Representatives from 342 Chartered Lodges Present	993
Grand Lodge Officers Present (Elective and Appointive)	17
Past Grand Masters and Past Elective Grand Lodge Officers Present (Not counting Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM)	17
Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees Present (not otherwise listed)	32
District Deputy Grand Masters Present	39
District Deputy Grand Lecturers Present	28
Total Present	1,126

Election of Grand Lodge Officers

The Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge. He appointed as tellers the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The election resulted as follows:

Grand Master	Charles A. Lewis Jr. St. Johns 1
Deputy Grand Master	Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. Franklin 109
Senior Grand Warden	Graham W. Pervier Forsyth 707
Junior Grand Warden	Gene T. Jernigan Mingo 206
Grand Treasurer	Clifton W. Everett Jr. Crown Point 708
Grand Secretary	T. Walton Clapp III Mystic Tie 237

Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Brother David Grissom, Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, made his first public appearance since his serious injury in an automobile accident. He delivered the following message.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, distinguished East, Brother Delegates, and Brothers all: It is a great honor to see and be with you. As you look at this style you may agree with my family. These white legs, white socks do not make for a fashion statement, but under the circumstances, this will have to serve as part of my formal wear.

I am wearing a Tabasco tie to spice up my life. By the way, you have heard the phrase used many times, "Man, you are screwed up." Well I take that phrase to a higher level, I am indeed screwed together at least in my left arm and left leg.

Having said that, I come to you today not only as administrator for one of our proud charities at the Masonic Home For Children for 13 years, but as a humble and grateful husband, father, grandfather, and Mason who on July 20 could have easily departed this earthly life due to a serious automobile accident. From the bottom of my heart, let me say a special thank you my brothers for the prayers, cards, visits, emails, telephone calls, kind words, and special acts of kindness which have carried my spirits and encouraged my speedy recovery. To come from a wheelchair, a walker and now crutches, the rehabilitation has been a difficult one, and with the help of God and your support and that of my family, I am a blessed man.

Not only has your kindness been wonderful, but the children and staff at the Masonic Home for Children have been instrumental in every step of my healing process. The Children have been truly amazing! Suddenly, those whom my staff and I have spent years and months nurturing, have become a tremendous support system. Their

pictures, letters, visits and a HUGE banner with special notes from the children and employees, have been very thoughtful and encouraging during this time.

I must tell you, we have some wonderful and special children and young people in our care and my staff and I are blessed with the privilege of being with them every day. Over the past few months, I have only been on campus, due to doctors orders, part-time and that has been tough. I have missed the children and adults and especially the hugs from the children. Believe me, I am looking forward to being at the Home, and with them full-time very soon.

In fact, they're the reason I'm here — for all the Tammys and Kyles whom you met yesterday. I've come to speak with you today, on their behalf our collective children—the thousands we have cared for the past 130 years, those we are protecting today and the ones we are preparing to nurture in the future. For many years you, the Masons of North Carolina, have taken tremendous care of the needy children from various parts of our State, but, we can do even more as we move forward together. To be honest, our wonderful Home needs to undergo some extensive repairs not only to physical structures, but programs as well. To ensure continued excellent care for our children, we have undertaken a large expansion and renovation effort. I'm sure most of you have heard of the Vision Campaign and what we hope to accomplish in the next several years. One part of that plan is the construction of seven new cottages which are being built to ensure that our children are nurtured in a safe and homelike environment that provides comfort and tranquility.

The existing cottages will not be torn down, but will be upgraded so they can be utilized to expand our programs and assist even more children. The new cottages will provide much more for our children: They will have more privacy and convenience that will benefit them both socially and academically. And, their house parents will provide a comfort zone that mirrors the stability of a traditional family — providing for positive reinforcement, strong family values. We want our children to feel and experience the family atmosphere so they will grow into adults who will in turn have their own feeling of a loving family.

Before my accident, I knew how important these changes were and was wholeheartedly behind the Vision Campaign, but my direction and purpose is now even stronger! Because our existing cottages are not accessible to those with handicaps, I haven't been able to make my usual rounds, and that has been disappointing. The personal struggle has strengthened my dedication and determination to our cause.

These physical improvements will make our Home a better place for the children. We will increase the health, safety, and well being of those in our care. But please be assured — these changes are molded by a tradition of our 130 years of Masonic support and love.

Our foundations remain solid as we provide refuge for the needy and deserving children across our state. Our dedication to providing a religious foundation with emphasis on vocation, health, and education are mainstays and **WILL NEVER CHANGE**. Built on this solid Masonic foundation, we are growing a family of children that will be prepared for productive and successful lives. It probably goes without saying — this is an immense undertaking. And those of us directly involved with the Home cannot succeed alone. We need, in fact we must have, the support of the entire Masonic family to be successful. Your direct involvement is crucial to this cause because we cannot do this without each and every one of you.

As my good friend and brother John Rose, administrator for our Masonic and Eastern Star Home says, "Brethren, you own the property and the buildings at both homes and your assistance is needed to help us maintain the quality care you expect us to provide."

I know many of you have questions about the expansion now underway. And I

understand that many of you may have concerns and rightly so, because we are utilizing your gifts and support in the best possible way to expand our care. With that, I invite and encourage you to learn more and to get involved. When you see first hand the difference the Home makes in these children's lives, I believe you will feel as strongly and I do. All of us in management at the Home are willing to answer whatever questions you may have. We will be glad to sit down with you and show you the specifics of the Vision Campaign in as much detail as you'd like. Before we leave today, please see me and feel free to ask questions, talk with our board members or staff. Brothers, when I call your name, please stand. Brothers Chris Richardson, Assistant Director of Development for our Home; Jim Medlin, Director of Development for the Grand Lodge; Joey Transou, President and Chairman of Finance for our Board of Directors; Allen Hughes, Assistant Administrator and alumnus; Don Sizemore, Director of Masonic Relations, and Dan Rice, alumnus, Senior Grand Steward and chairman of the Vision Campaign for The Masonic Home For Children. Talk to us personally so that you have all the facts. We will provide you with an answer. Call us, write or email us or better still, come visit your Home and see first hand what is growing and developing. We will be glad to give you our full attention and show you in person what you, our Masons, have helped to accomplish

And the children would love to see you and talk with you about their Home. Many of you have been to the Home, such as St. John's Day, and various other functions and once you get acquainted with some of the children, you want to return.

As a group, you have been so instrumental in the Home's success in the past. Many lodges continue to recommend children to our care and we ask that you please recommend more children who need assistance. Many of you have provided support through special projects, outstanding fund drives, wonderful gifts, extraordinary entertainment, cook-outs and trips that will be a lasting memory for every child, only to mention just a few of the acts of kindness and love that you have and continue to provide. On behalf of our children and staff, our big family is deeply grateful. And today, my Brothers, I ask for us to remember the obligations we took at the sacred altar to remember our "widows and orphans." This Home is a Masonic tradition and it will continue to be a Masonic tradition for as long as you allow it to help deserving and special children.

I know that this year has been a trying financial time for all of us. The slow economy has affected all of us — but we must not lose sight of the good works already in place thanks to the generosity of our Masons, the alumni, and special friends of the Home. Historically, our lodges annually have provided a portion of the Home's operating budget and we must have that continued support. The remaining portion of the annual budget is provided by your estate gifts and investments. I ask you to remember the many wonderful acts of love and support you have provided and to help us continue to assist our children with a safe, moral and loving Home. Today, as a minister and administrator, I must ask you to follow your heart and dig a little deeper.

Our fundraising efforts have seen some success this year. In fact, we are approaching over one-million-dollar mark in pledges, and that is a reason to celebrate. But quite honestly, it is not enough. In order to make the necessary improvements to the Home, we need additional financial support. We need for you to look inside yourselves and find additional ways to contribute to the Home. If you are unable to help financially at this time, consider lending a hand in other ways. Share the Vision with people in your communities.

We need you, our most staunch supporters, and those you know, to tell as many people as possible about the Home and it's needs. By helping us identify others—your co-workers, your local leaders, your civic partners — that may be additional sources of funding, you will help ensure that these deserving children will have the promising future they so desperately deserve and desire.

I hope you will leave here today with a strong will to help this our Masonic Home For Children. Please, pick up the literature and donation cards located (at the back of the room) and spread them wherever you go. Thank you so much for the privilege of speaking with you today. I appreciate your emotional support and encouragement—both personally and in my role as administrator.

You are guiding lights of the Masonic Home that make our children among the most blessed in this state. I thank you, and more importantly, our children thank you for joining us in our Vision, for your love, prayers and continued support. Brethren, our charities need you and our children look to you for direction and hope.

The Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

The following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was recieved and acted on in two sections. The action of the Grand Lodge is recorded with those respective recommendations.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations met on September 27, 2002. The committee received the Petition for Charter of Wilkerson College Lodge UD, Greensboro, North Carolina and the petition of Pioneer Lodge No. 685 to change its name.

Piedmont Lodge No. 711 merged into Pioneer Lodge No. 685, of Winston-Salem effective July 1, 2002 upon the approval of MW Jerry Tillett, Grand Master. In a merger, the requirement of *The Code* is for merged lodge to take the name and number of the oldest lodge. The consolidated lodge. Piedmont Lodge No. 685 is petitioning the Grand Lodge to change it name to Piedmont-Pioneer Lodge No. 685.

Motion: The Committee on Charters and Dispensations moves the approval of the name change to Piedmont-Pioneer Lodge No. 685 and directs a duplicate charter to be issued at cost.

The Grand Lodge approved the lodge name change.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations met with the officers of Wilkerson College Lodge UD and examined documents accompanying the Petition for Charter. The Committee reviewed the documents submitted, talked with the officers present and are satisfied that they met the requirements of *The Code* relating to chartering of new lodges. It is the committee's opinion that the Grand Lodge should issue the number 760 to Wilkerson College Lodge UD.

Motion: The Committee on Charters and Dispensations moves that Wilkerson College Lodge be given the number 760 and that the members listed below are named as principal officers of the said lodge: H. Lloyd Wilkerson, Master; Joseph M Jayson, Senior Warden; Brandon E. Scott, Junior Warden and directs a charter to be issued at cost.

The Grand Lodge approved the chartering of the lodge.

We wish to take this opportunity to commend the officers and members of Wilkerson College Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the fine work they have exhibited in the formation of this new lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Charters and Dispensations

Ad Hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations

Former Governor and Brother James G. Martin made the following address in presenting the Report of the Ad Hoc Commission on Masonic Relations:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Masonic Guests, my Brethren:

Once again, I speak to you in Brotherly Love and Respect. It was my honor to address the 206th Annual Communication in Raleigh on April 20, 1993. My subject then was the patriotic heritage of Freemasonry, particularly as it flourished in North Carolina.

Today, I appear on behalf of a Special Commission appointed by our Most Worshipful Grand Master William G. Mathis. The purpose of this Commission is to examine the prospects for fraternal recognition of another grand lodge operating in North Carolina, and to present to the Grand Lodge in due time such resolutions as we may propose. Let me say that we have organized and begun our study of this matter, and will be ready with a proposal to submit at a later time. I speak to you today because we believe that the great importance of this issue makes it proper to bring this advisory report to you well in advance, so that through you, our Brother Masons will better understand what we are doing, and also what we are not doing.

This Ad Hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations consists of four Master Masons. Brother James G. Exum Jr., of Greensboro, is chairman of the Commission. Other members, in addition to myself, are Brother James S. Lofton, of Raleigh, and Brother Lacy H. Thornburg, of Webster. We have met three times, all within the hospitality of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

Our immediate focus of attention has been to discern the appropriate relationship for this, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, with another body, namely The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, also referred to within and without as Prince Hall Masons.

Since the time of the American Revolution, there has been comparable growth in numbers and reputation of that separate and distinct order of Freemasonry, both nationally, and in its jurisdiction comprising the State of North Carolina. As is understood by Brethren subject to this, our Grand Lodge, the membership of Prince Hall Freemasons all are men, almost entirely of African-American descent. In all other respects, they present elements of character, bearing, monotheism, charity, and public distinction not unlike our own membership.

Pursuant to our initial inquiry, the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons has appointed a similar Commission on Recognition, to examine this same question from their side. So far as we know, there has been no initiative on their part other than this parallel response to our initiative. We know that they have an equally proud fraternal heritage, which they have every intention of preserving and building, as do we.

In recent years, beginning with Connecticut in 1989, there have been similar initiatives for mutual recognition among a number of Grand Lodges in other states. To date, no less than 33 of 51 U.S. grand lodges of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons have duly approved inter-visitation and/or full recognition of Prince Hall Freemasons in their own states. Typically, the action has been for mutual, bilateral recognition, and none has proposed or approved any Merger or dual membership. It is also fair to note that all of these 33 sister grand lodges are in the northern and western states, with none in the Southern states having yet taken such action.

For various reasons, we in our Commission believe that some similar manner of

mutual recognition is in order here, and should be considered. While there are other Masonic bodies (self-styled) that would not qualify for such recognition, it is worthy of note that Prince Hall Masons have charters deriving from the United Grand Lodge of England, just as do we. Every evidence we have found affirms that their standards of conduct and decorum and obligation are exceptionally high, both in their Masonic activities and beyond, just as we expect they will conclude regarding our own. We find no prohibition in Masonic jurisprudence based upon any racial or geographic distinctions, nor did the 33 other Grand Lodges of AF & A Masons in America.

Myth and rumor to the contrary, there is nothing inherently “clandestine” about Prince Hall Freemasonry. What that term means in Masonic language is that any grand jurisdiction that has not been granted recognition is for that reason alone differentiated as clandestine. Once recognition is granted to such a grand lodge, it can no longer be deemed clandestine.

In short, the lineage and heritage, the work and stature of Prince Hall Masons are attributes worthy of respect, and we as a commission have concluded that mutual recognition is the right thing to do. The particulars that will define this relationship will be fully developed at the time that a proposal is submitted for action. We do believe, at minimum, that the essential terms of recognition would entail a workable and orderly procedure for visitation of Freemasons vouchsafed by one grand lodge at regular meetings of lodges under the jurisdiction of the other grand lodge. The absolute sovereignty of each Grand Lodge would be retained and promoted, and each would continue as an autonomous grand jurisdiction.

We, therefore, wish to give due notice of our intention to submit for consideration at the next Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina a Resolution of Mutual Recognition of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdictions, Inc, with the expectation that it will be disposed of according to the regular order.

In anticipation of this matter being placed on the future agenda, the Commission will be pleased to receive interim communications from any Master Mason who wishes to offer guidance and comment on this subject. In the spirit of brotherly love and respect, we invite any expressions of views in that same fraternal spirit. We ask that such communications be addressed to us c/o this, the Grand Lodge of AF & A Masons of North Carolina, so that our correspondence will be maintained within the bounds of fraternal confidentiality.

You may or may not know men in your communities who are Prince Hall Masons. Between now and the next convening of the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, we encourage our brethren in all our local lodges to get to know members of the Prince Hall lodges in their respective areas. You might look for or consider arranging opportunities where members of the respective lodges can interact informally either in groups or individually, as a way to get better acquainted.

This issue has been discussed before among some of our Brethren, but may be a new subject for many to consider. For that reason, the committee believes that the fair and honorable thing is to give advance notice of our purpose and intent, so that there will be no surprise, or sense of being “railroaded” into abrupt action without due notice and full deliberation.

This issue has been before this Grand Lodge since 1947. With an improvement in race relations and understanding, there has been a growing readiness in some Southern States, including Virginia and North Carolina, to begin a more enlightened consideration of the Universality of Freemasonry. As a large majority of our sister grand lodges in America have affirmed the legitimacy of Prince Hall Freemasonry, there can be no pretense of any Masonic principle that would deny granting the same recognition to Prince Hall Masons as we have granted to other grand jurisdictions.

Even more compelling is the need to settle this issue in a way that will advance the future of Freemasonry. America today is a land of equality of opportunity. It is a bastion for religious and philosophical tolerance. Few of our young men hold to views on racial separation such as were more common only decades ago. There is still a propensity for “birds of a feather to flock together,” but there is very little acceptance today of rules or organizations that would compel segregation based on race. That is why today there are no statutory social distinctions in Masonry.

Our Commission does not find a basis for merger of these two sovereign grand lodges. We do find a clear basis for “regularizing” relations between them. Our proposal will be ready for your consideration next year. We join with you all in urging all Brethren, of whatever predisposition, to seek the guidance of Almighty God, the Father of us all, the Great Architect of the Universe, as we deliberate together on this subject.

The Report of the Ad Hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, Delegates and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina,

The Ad Hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations is pleased to present the following report:

The Commission was appointed by Grand Master William G. Mathis in March 2001 for the purpose of exploring ways in which the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina (hereinafter “The Grand Lodge”) and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and its Jurisdictions, Inc. (hereinafter “The Prince Hall Grand Lodge”) might accomplish mutual and reciprocal recognition. Commission members are Brother James G. Martin, Brother James S. Lofton, Brother Lacy H. Thornburg, and Brother James G. Exum Jr., Chairman. Since their appointment, these members have met several times, communicated regularly with each other, studied various documents and had informal conversations with members of the Commission on Fraternal Relations of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge appointed by its Grand Master Marvin D. Chambers.

At the Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge on September 29, 2001, Brother James G. Martin made a statement to The Grand Lodge on behalf of the Commission, which statement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Brother Martin stated that the Commission had concluded that some manner of mutual recognition of the two North Carolina Grand Lodges was in order, and he recited the reasons for the Commission’s having reached that conclusion. His statement advised The Grand Lodge that the Commission intended to submit to this Annual Communication a Resolution of Mutual Recognition of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be disposed of according to the regular order.

Attached to this Report is a Resolution of Mutual Recognition. The Commission is presenting this resolution to this Annual Communication not for action but for informational purposes only. The Commission concluded that the officers and Brothers of the Grand Lodge should have before them a Resolution of the sort the Commission is contemplating for study and discussion during the coming year. The Commission intends to present this resolution, or some similar resolution, to the next Annual Communication in 2003 to be disposed of at that time according to the regular order.

The Commission understands from its conversations with members of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge’s Commission on Fraternal Relations that it is considering and will likely submit a Resolution of Mutual Recognition similar to the one attached here to the Annual Communication of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
THE AD HOC COMMISSION ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS
James G. Exum Jr.
James G. Martin
James S. Lofton
Lacy H. Thomburg

Proposed Resolution of Mutual Recognition

Ad Hoc Commission on Fraternal Relations Chairman James G. Exum Jr. presented the following Resolution to be voted on during the 2003 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution of Mutual Recognition of the

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its Jurisdiction's, Inc.

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina (hereinafter "The Grand Lodge") desires to insure a continuing harmonious relationship between it and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and its Jurisdictions, Inc. (hereinafter "The Prince Hall Grand Lodge"); to provide for the successful coexistence of both Grand Lodges and to promote Masonry in general among all peoples; AND

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge, for all the reasons set out in Brother James G. Martin's Statement to The Grand Lodge dated September 29, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, believes that it is altogether right and proper and in the best interests of Masonry everywhere and particularly in North Carolina that these two Grand Lodges exercising Masonic jurisdiction in this state mutually recognize and extend fraternal privileges to each other while each retains its own autonomy and jurisdiction hereafter as heretofore; AND

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge is satisfied that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge meets all Masonic requirements for recognition; AND

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge desires to remain autonomous within its jurisdiction and to operate hereafter as heretofore with its own grand master and other Grand Lodge officers, constitution, by-laws, ritual, rules and regulations, and to retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty over its own subordinate lodges and membership; AND

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge is advised that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge entertains the same desires and possesses the same satisfaction with regard to recognition by it of the Grand Lodge and desires that both Grand Lodges mutually recognize each other as duly constituted Masonic Grand Lodges;

AND

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge is advised that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 2003 will likely consider a resolution extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge in the same manner and on the same terms as the present resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

1. It hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., (hereinafter "the Prince Hall Grand Lodge") as a duly constituted Masonic grand lodge;
2. It hereby extends to the duly initiated members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge

all privileges of visitation and fraternal association which it has granted to the members of other grand lodges with which it presently enjoys fraternal relations;

3. It will remain autonomous within its jurisdiction and will operate hereafter as heretofore with its own grand master and other Grand Lodge officers, constitution, by-Laws, ritual, rules and regulations and will retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty over its own subordinate lodges and membership;
4. This resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2004, provided that on or before that date the Prince Hall Grand Lodge adopts a resolution extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge in the same manner and on the same terms as the present resolution.

Communications Awards

Brother Ric Carter, editor of *The North Carolina Mason*, presented awards for outstanding communication to the following lodge newsletters and web sites:

Statesville 27	Web Site
Dunn's Rock 267	Web Site
Matthews 461	Web Site
King 722	Web Site
Temple 676	<i>Temple Tales</i>
Southern Pines 484	<i>Trestleboard</i>
Orient 395	<i>Orient Express</i>
Green Level 277	<i>The Green Level Gavel</i>
Kenly 257	<i>Past Meridian</i>

Proposed Recognition of Grand Loge du Burkina Faso and Gran Logia D'Andorra

Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III moved that the Grand Lodge accept the recognition of Grand Loge du Burkina Faso and Gran Logia D'Andorra as proposed in the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The motion was duly seconded and approved by the Grand Lodge without discussion.

Harris-Dudley Grand Secretary's Awards

Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III presented two Harris-Dudley Grand Secretary's Award. The award recognizes lodge secretaries for long term dedication to their labors and skilled leadership in their lodge.

Two were awarded this year. The recipients were John R. Litaker of West Gate 738 and Carson A. Clippard Jr. of Cary 198.

Report of the Board of General Purposes

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was read and adopted including the election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford Inc. and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina Inc. To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes has held regular meetings pursuant to the

provisions of *The Code*, such meetings having been held on December 1, 2001; March 8, 2002; June 28, 2002; and September 26, 2002. The March and June meetings were held in the Grand Lodge Executive Office Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, and the September meeting was held at the Sheraton Capital Center Hotel, Raleigh. The December meeting was held at the Elizabethan Inn, Manteo, North Carolina.

At each meeting of the Board, reports were made by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the President of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., and by other members of the Board of General purposes relative to the various activities of the Grand Lodge.

At the meeting on September 26, 2002, action was taken relative to the distribution of the Report of the Grand Master, the several sections of the same being referred to the appropriate Board, Committee or Commission.

Election of Members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic And Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 27-4, the Board nominates the following members of the Boards of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc., with terms expiring as shown:

2005 — Walter Jervie Babson (Orient 395)

2005 — Robert A. Schafer (J. J. Crowder 743)

2005 — Corbett L. Quinn (Rehoboth 279)

2003 — Ralph F. Messer (Waynesville 259)

Gene T. Jernigan, Junior Grand Warden-elect, was named an observer.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Election of Members of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 27-4, the Board nominates the following members of the Boards of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., with terms expiring as shown:

2005 — James A. Wiley (St. John's 3)

2005 — R. Thomas Dooley Jr. (West Gate 738)

2005 — Thomas O. Eller (Eureka 283)

Gene T. Jernigan, Junior Grand Warden-elect, was named an observer.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Board of General Purposes

The Grand Master-elect nominates William G. Mathis, PGM, (King Solomon 138) and Michael A. Norris (Junaluskee 145) as members of the Board of General Purposes for terms of three years expiring in 2005.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

The Grand Master-elect nominates L. R. Thomas Jr., PGM, (Berne 724) as Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Representative to the Masonic Service Association

The Grand Master-elect nominates L. R. Thomas Jr., PGM, (Berne 724) as Representative to the Masonic Service Association.

Election of Member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 35-1.1, the Grand Master-elect nominates William G. Mathis, PGM, (King Solomon 138) as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc. for a term of five years, expiring 2007.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Election of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund

Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust, the Grand Master-elect nominates Robert J. Downen (James B. Green 735) and Cameron E. Shearon (Hiram 40) as Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Board of Custodians

The Grand Master-elect appoints Howard Kahn (Semper Fidelis 680) and Kolen Flack (Western Star 91) as members of the Board of Custodians for terms three years expiring in 2005.

Committee On Appeals

The Grand Master-elect nominates R. Glenn Capps (Creasy Proctor 679) as a member of the Committee On Appeals for a term of five years, expiring in 2007.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 32-1, the Board nominates the following member of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities, with term expiring as shown:

2005 — Job Richard Conner (Bladen 646)

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Election of Members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-1, the Grand Masterelect nominates the following members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for terms expiring as shown:

2005 — Walter F. McCall, PGM, (Joppa 530)

2005 — Jimmy B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3)

2005 — Robert C. Kraus (Junaluskee 145)

2005 — Oscar W. Harbin Jr. (Saluda 482)

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Election of Members of The Committee on Finance

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-3, the Grand Master-elect nominates the following members of the Committee on Finance for terms expiring as shown:

2005 — G. Sherman Brewington (New Lebanon 314)

2005 — Joseph C. Knox Jr. (St. John's 1)

2005 — G. Glenn Adams (Whetstone 515)

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Officers Appointed By The Grand Master-elect

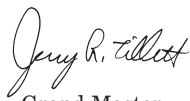
W. Berry Rigdon (Sonoma 472)	Senior Grand Deacon
David R. Cash (Campbell 374)	Junior Grand Deacon
Dan C. Rice (Bula 409)	Grand Marshall
William L. Dill (St. John's 3)	Grand Steward
Lewis R. Ledford (Statesville 27)	Grand Steward
Robert W. Powell (Orient 395)	Grand Tyler
James B. Sullivan (St. John's 1)	Grand Chaplain
Randy L. Flack (Hominy 491)	Grand Chaplain
C. James Weisel (Stokes 32)	Grand Chaplain
Michael W. Brantley (Raleigh 500)	Grand Historian
Ralph V. Shipton (St. John's 1)	Grand Lecturer
Wilbur Lee Johnston Jr. (St. John's 1)	Grand Orator

The Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*

On nomination, duly seconded, Eddie H. Moody Jr. (Pioneer 685) was elected by the Board of General Purposes as a member of the Board of Publication for a term of five years, expiring in 2007.

Grand Lodge Closed in Ample Form

There being no further business to come before the Grand Lodge, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Grand Master

Attest:

I certify that the forgoing Proceedings are a true and correct record of the official transactions of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the communication held on September 27-28, 2002, and that they were prepared by me from the detailed minutes of that communication, and were published under my supervision.



Grand Secretary

Emergent Communications

of the

Grand Lodge
Held During the Term

of

Grand Master
Jerry R. Tillett

Emergent Communication

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the lodge hall of Manteo No. 521, Manteo, North Carolina on Saturday, December 8, 2001, with the following present:

Grand Lodge Officers

Randell Joe Holmes, DDGM-2	as Grand Master
Ralph Umphlett	as Deputy Grand Master
Roy Chris McCarter III	as Senior Grand Warden
Brian Dean Edwards	as Junior Grand Warden
John C. Schleter, PGM	as Grand Treasurer
Russell A. Lay	as Grand Secretary
Michael Kevin Moye	as Senior Grand Deacon
Donnie Wayne Twyne	as Junior Grand Deacon
Roger Meadows	as Grand Marshal
R. James Hughes	as Grand Steward
Wiley Timothy Hinnant	as Grand Steward
Charles B. Thompson Jr.	as Grand Chaplain
Jerry C. Combs	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by Brother Randall J. Holmes, acting grand master who announced that this Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge installation was held at the Manteo High School Auditorium in Manteo, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by Brother Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore, NC Senate. The invocation was given by Tom Supplee, Grand Chaplain-elect. Brother Bert Austin, Dare County Sheriff, led the pledge to the United States flag.

Brother Lester P. Martin Jr., PGM introduced the installing officers: Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM, installing officer, and L. R. Thomas Jr., PGM, installing marshal. They installed the following Grand Lodge officers:

Jerry R. Tillett	Grand Master
Charles A. Lewis Jr.	Deputy Grand Warden
Leonard Y. Safrir Jr.	Senior Grand Warden
Graham W. Pervier	Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM	Grand Treasurer
Walton Clapp III	Grand Secretary
Gene T. Jernigan	Senior Grand Deacon
Berry Rigdon	Junior Grand Deacon
David R. Cash	Grand Marshal
Dan C. Rice	Grand Steward
William L. Dill	Grand Steward
Paul Pridgen	Grand Chaplain
Tom Supplee	Grand Chaplain
Jerry O'Neal Combs	Grand Tyler

The following officers were introduced but not required to be installed:

Clarence E. Horton Jr.	Grand Historian
Joseph Robertson	Grand Lecturer
I. Beverly Lake Jr.	Grand Orator
Ronnie Stewart	Judge Advocate
Dan L. Merrell	Special Counsel to Grand Master

William B. Brunk, PGM presented the past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master William G. Mathis.

Brother L. R. Thomas Jr. PGM, Past Potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple in New Bern presented the grand master with his fez.

The grand master recognized many of his family members present and presented an oration for the occasion.

The recessional was played by Myrtle Tillett, grandmother of the grand master.

The purpose for which this Emergent Communication was called, having been accomplished, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Russell Lay
Acting Grand Secretary

Emergent Communication

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the lodge hall of Manteo No. 521, Manteo, North Carolina on Monday, October 14, 2002, with the following present:

Grand Lodge Officers

- Bro. Jerry R. Tillett Grand Master
- Bro. Randall J. Holmes, DDGM 2as Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Brian D. Edwardsas Junior Grand Warden
- Bro. John C. Schleter, PGMas Grand Treasurer
- Bro. Russell A. Layas Grand Secretary
- Bro. Donnie Wayne Twyneas Senior Grand Deacon
- Bro Ryland Jim Hughesas Junior Grand Deacon
- Bro. Charles Thompsonas Grand Steward
- Bro. William Henry Jonesas Grand Steward
- Bro. Roy Wharton.as Grand Chaplain
- Bro. Jerry O. Combs Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett who announced that this Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of the dedication of a commemorative plaque and cornerstone for Manteo Lodge No, 521.

The ceremony of dedication of a commemorative plaque was conducted with full Masonic honors.

The purpose for which this Emergent Communication was called, having been accomplished, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Russell Lay
Acting Grand Secretary

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INSTALLATION ADDRESS*Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett*

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you for your presence here. As you know December 7, yesterday, was the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It is appropriate that we have a time of reflection and remembering.

Several years ago upon my appointment to the Grand Lodge line progressing towards this time when it was announced to the Grand Lodge assembly in Annual Communication I told a little story, one I sometimes tell my jurors before I begin a long charge or jury instructions. There was a Justice of the Peace it seems in those days when we had those, the forerunners of our magistrates, the Justice of the Peace had finished hearing a small claims case and then he went on and told the jurors to "go on out and make up your minds." Just about that time the sheriff tugged on his shirt and said, "You forgot to charge the jury." The magistrate responded, "Okay, Sheriff, bring them back." Whereupon he told the jurors, "The sheriff said I forgot to charge you. Now, I want you to know that I'm going to let you by with as little as I can. Sheriff, take fifty cents a piece."

One of the highest honors and greatest of challenges for a grand master is the appointment of a new officer in line to begin progressing through the ranks and, if fortunate enough, to someday be elected grand master by the entire Grand Lodge assembled through its representatives from every lodge in the state. This is a system that is enlightened and profound and a great testimony to our form of government. There are many that I would like to thank. So many who are deserving, who have worked tenaciously for our fraternity, our people and our nation.

[The grand master thanked many individuals.]

Through events in recent months beginning on September 11 we have seen unbridled, unmitigated evil and terrorism. Fear temporarily seized us, yet we have also witnessed unimaginable, unspeakable acts of compassion and heroism, of courage, resilience and selflessness and personal sacrifice. We are gathered here at a time when people from around the world support America, men people here are proud again to be Americans. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those brave men and women of the military deployed by a resolute political leadership to stop bloody tyrants and rid the world of terrorism. In every town and every firehall, in every schoolhouse across this country today we can hear strains of "God Bless America" and we mean it. If I sound a bit emotional, it's only because I am passionate and emotional about what has happened, what we have learned, what we are about, that to which we are dedicated and what we can do.

I insist that with this time of reflection and remembering I have been asked to repeat some of my remarks given at our recent Grand Lodge upon my election to this great honor. I told the story about Jesse Helms, our senior US Senator and past grand orator when last he served our fraternity in that capacity remembered his father and spoke of the inspiration he had given, the many lessons he had taught that had served the senator so well throughout his honorable career. The senator reminded us that it was his father who really taught him what life was all about as well as about Masonry. My father too taught me many lessons about God, family, dedication, obligation and also about masonry. Fathers did that in times past to their sons and to their daughters.

I see out in the audience today Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winslow past district deputy grand master from Perquimans. Mrs. Winslow grew up here on the Outer Banks and when she was about to leave, that being a courageous act for a young woman in her time. When she was about to leave her island home to make her way in the world her father gave her a bit of advice. He said if you ever need help, if you are ever in trouble,

look for a Masonic ring, that man will help you. There are many stories of brotherly love shown from one individual to another. These stories abound everywhere. These stories are legion. Those when Masonic principles transcended all manners of strife and differences, even war. But I digress, Senator Helms told us that he wears daily two pins on his lapel and he is often asked about them. One, is the larger that consists of two flags, one of the United States of America and one with a Masonic symbol. It was pinned on him when he first ran for the senate in October of 1972 by a man who told him that if he would wear it until the election it would bring him good luck and he would win by 100,000 votes. He wore it and he was elected by 120,000 margin. The senator told us he never takes it off. Sometimes it gets a little uncomfortable in his pajamas. The second smaller pin signifies what he claims was his greatest honor, one he never believed himself deserving of. That which was given him when he was coronated a 33rd degree Mason. Similar to this one on my lapel. When Senator Helms first took his oath of office as senator his father was there in the gallery, tears streaming down his cheeks. Just over a year later he sat in the hospital for the last talk. His father talked to him about his love of Masonry, about how his son may someday be a 33rd degree he said and within just a few hours he died. It was 15 years later when Senator Helms was finally coronated with a 33rd degree. He held up the pin and he said, "This one is for you, pop."

I am a Mason today because my father was. My father-in-law, to my left, is also a Mason. My father was appointed to the Grand Lodge line by then Grand Master Boyd Hopkins, upon the suggestion of Past Grand Master Cecil Liverman. An honor he never thought himself worthy of, but about which he was so excited. He had worked diligently in the quarries of this fraternity, serving in all capacities, in all offices at district level and almost all of the appendant organizations. Progressing through this line in this fraternity he loved so much after God and his family. Progressing towards this great dream of serving as grand master, he never made it before his Heavenly Master, the great architect of the universe called him home to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. After the cancer that would eventually take his life had ravaged him with pain and zapped most all of his great strength he was forced to a makeshift bed. The last time he left his house or bed was when he somehow summoned the strength to go out to the polls and cast a vote for me as judge. He never saw the realization of that either.

I have another example of brotherly love. Judge Lester Martin, who is here participating with this ceremony today and one of my contemporaries, was a great friend of my father's and immediately preceding him in Grand Lodge line. When he learned of my father's sickness he offered to switch places so that my father could proceed and realize that dream which otherwise it was unlikely he would ever be able to do. The same reasons that caused him to make the offer caused my father to reject it.

I apologize for these personal digressions but as Senator Helms and I, most of you have similar memories of your own blessings. These are the reasons for your involvement. Masonry has a heritage of disproportionate influence on the formation of our country and our system of government. Besides the great heritage of Freemasonry, its disproportionate impact and connection with the formation of this country's principles I'm talking of the number of Masons who signed the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. Also those who refused to sign on principle, but whose reasons spun great debate that led to compromises in formation of our constitutional form of government such as Edmond Randolph — these ideas that became incorporated into our form of government. I refer to the number of presidents, vice presidents, Supreme Court justices, generals and military leaders and members of the legislature who have also been Masons. But besides the great influence in our own state, recorded Masonry goes back to 526 AD. But

during the first 20 years of Freemasonry's modern existence as we know it, all grand masters were governors or justices except for those few who are military leaders or political leaders. There were a few doctors but they were also political leaders. Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world except for religion. But besides the rich and beautiful symbols used in our system of instruction designed to make lasting impressions and build character values. And also besides the great philanthropic works with a large network of hospitals for burned and orthopedically impaired children with spinal cord injuries where there is never a fee charged for the treatment of these children and which is always open to all regardless of religion or gender. Not withstanding the speech and language disorder clinics for children with learning disabilities or cancer or visually impaired or in need of dental restoration programs. Masons of North American contribute over two million dollars per day to charitable causes most of which goes to non-masons. Recently seven million dollars was donated to New York City and to the rescue work for aide after the September 11 tragedies. But ladies and gentlemen, besides all of this it is the same for most of us. The real reason most of you became a Mason, I suspect, is because there was someone special, someone you admired, someone you wanted to be like. From the events of September 11, we have become aware of our vulnerabilities of the power of unity and the need for good men of character, dedication and personal responsibility. A clarion call was sounded for men of resolve like this. It occurs to me that this is the essence of and the substance of Masonry and the principles upon which it was founded.

Amidst praise of "God Bless America," and "God Bless the USA" we are now aware of these needs. It has been said that truth is universal and timeless. The poet, Josiah Gilbert Holland, who happened to be one of the favorites of Grand Master Hopkins who appointed my father, captured the essence of these needs years earlier in a poem entitled

The Day's Demand

God give us men! A time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
 Men whom the lust office does not kill;
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
 Men who possess opinions and a will;
 men who have honor, men who will not lie;
 Men who can stand before a demigod
 And damn his treacherous flatteries without weakening!
 Brave, tall men, sun crowned to live above the fog
 In public duty and in private thinking;
 For while with their thumb worn creeds,
 Their large professions and their little deeds,
 Mingle in selfish strife, low freedom weeps, — rules the land.
 God give us men and women who will make better communities,
 Better parents, better citizens,
 Men of courage, honor, commitment,
 Those dedicated to friendship, morality and brotherly love.
 Those who dare to make a difference.

There is a story that Sam Ervin, a great Mason, a US Senator and constitutional scholar, used to tell about another lawyer named Marvin Rich who is a candidate for office. One day the candidate, Rich, was out campaigning and he met up with a constituent on the road and began to engage him in conversation. Things were going well when the wouldbe constituent asked the candidate what he did for a living. Whereupon the candidate said, "Why I'm a lawyer." Immediately the constituent started shaking his head. He said, "I just don't think I could ever vote for another

lawyer." Completely undaunted the candidate said, "Well, don't worry about that. I'm not enough of a lawyer to make a difference anyway."

I trust, and I hope, that we can be dedicated and be Masons enough to make a difference. Thank you, each of you for coming. Your presence is greatly appreciated and deeply humbling. I ask for your prayers as we begin this undertaking which is truly a great honor but not just mine. This one is for you too, Daddy

GREAT SMOKIES ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett

Thank you, Worshipful Brother Brunk. Thank you, Sir Knights, Companions and brothers, all for this gracious hospitality, the friendship and love, sharing and for the fraternal ties which we share. Before I proceed further allow me this digression. Brother Brunk, I wanted to inquire if you had a good sleep last night. Brother Doug Moore has been so concerned about that for you and I. Brother Doug Moore, please, stand. Are you rested, sir, or weak? Brother Doug has been giving everyone else a lot of grief calling all of us old men and talking about our inadequacies. He told Dr. Brunk that he should go on to bed like old men. He told my wife that she might as well go on without an old man like me. He called David Hargett an old man just this morning. However last night he poured himself a cup of coffee at about 10:00 P.M. in the hospitality room. He was there bragging about how much trouble his wife was going to be in with all that coffee keeping him up all night. I have learned recently why he has been acting so this weekend. Did any of you catch the divine service yesterday? Brother Bill Canupp spoke about the biblical characters Sarah and Abraham, you know, the fertile octogenarian, to whom God promised children at age 100. Brother Canupp is Brother Doug's neighbor and I must assume that he had some advance knowledge of the text of this sermon. From that I believe Brother Doug derives some sort of hope. It reminds me of a story of Sir Winston Churchill, another great Mason, he liked to poke fun at others and even himself at times. On one occasion he was called to give a speech at a great banquet to be attended by many important influential members of this supercilious and stuffy English society. He was seated at a dais before he was to speak. Suddenly his chauffeur frantically run to the front and sent him a note on which was scribbled the words, "Your fly is unzipped." Completely undaunted the Prime Minister scribbled back a response and then when his name was called he strode confidently, nonchalantly to the podium to begin to speak. His response had been, "A dead bird cannot from its own nest fall."

I was given a lot of advice from many including Sam Tennyson about subject of this speech which I had some concern even up to last night. Sam Tennyson told me that I should stay away from jokes because with the internet they had all heard them, but if I were to tell stories from the Bible then most would never have heard them.

From the 133rd Psalm we have a scripture text for this year's theme. That scripture is so precious to us all, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." I am especially fond of this theme since my theme for this year was, "Together We Can Make a Difference." This theme is especially apropos in light of the temperature of times and the state in which we now find ourselves. Today men and women in the military are deployed around the world fighting against terrorism, tyranny and despotism. From the events of September 11, 2001 we witnessed unmitigated acts of cowardice, evil, and hatred. At the same time we witnessed unspeakable acts of courage, compassion and heroism. We came to appreciate our vulnerabilities, the power of unity and resolve. Around the world a clarion call was sounded for men and women of character, integrity and personal responsibility. Those

who practice friendship, morality and brotherly love, those willing to put another's needs above their own — individuals like you.

Building fraternal ties or ties that bind requires communication, association, and adherence to those tenants, practicing what we preach. That is those principals of the cabletow and trowel.

This is my first time in this assembly. It is a wonderful experience in an informal and relaxed setting. It promotes a consciousness of kinship and identity. Even to the casual observer the benefits are obvious of such an event identifying mutual problems and goals, dialogues over successful means of implementation and consideration of those which simply do not work. We are understanding that we do not work in competition with each other or with other related organizations. It is a time of building trust, recognizing a bond with others even those here before unmet — and above all else, the fellowship itself. Like the farmer who entered his jackass in the Kentucky Derby. He knew he would not win any awards, but the association, he believed, would do him good. My association with you and the other members of the appendant organizations has done me good. We are not here as Scottish Rite Masons or York Rite Masons, Shriners, Jesters, Eastern Stars — North Carolina, Tennessee, or Florida Masons. We are all part of a brotherhood of human kind under the auspices of the fatherhood of God, creator of all. The more we are around and learn of each other the more we have this consciousness of kinship and identity. And the more we know of each other the better enabled we are to make judgments and assist another. It is constantly changing, but I am from an area where many people still know each other personally.

Recently in one of my counties, in my home district, we were trying a serious case, a highly publicized case. There were news reporters there in the packed court room. Then the district attorney began questioning the jurors who were all seated in a box in front of the overflowing crowd. The first juror, juror number one, was a grandmotherly, elderly, matronly looking woman. The district attorney asked her, "So Mrs. Jones, are you married?"

She responded with consternation, "Now you know that my husband died ten years ago, and I have certainly not remarried since."

So the district attorney continued, "So then, you do know me, Mrs. Jones?"

She responded, "Well, yes, I know you, Ms. Daniels. I have known you since you were a young girl and quite frankly you have been a great big disappointment to me. You don't tend to your children, you don't take them to church, you lie, you cheat on your husband, you manipulate people and you talk about them behind their backs and you drink way too much wine. You think you are a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you will never amount to anything more than a two bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The other lawyer was completely stunned and not knowing what else to do, she pointed across the room and asked, "Ms. Jones, do you know the defense attorney, Mr. Midgette?"

The juror again replied, "Why, yes, I have known Mr. Midgette since he was a youngster, too. I used to baby sit him. In fact, he's a distant cousin on my husband's side and he too has been a real disappointment to me. He's a lazy bigoted sort. He has a tremendous drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone. He doesn't pay his bills on time and his law practice is one of the worst in this entire state. Not to mention that he cheated on his wife three different times with three different women. Yes, I know him."

Now, the defense attorney was completely shocked and surprised as well. Immediately the court room erupted in chaos with laughter and talking and gasps. I had to do something. So at that point I rapped the gavel and called the courtroom to

order and then I immediately demanded that both lawyers approach the bench. And then in a very quiet, but stern voice I said, "If either of you ask Widow Jones if she knows me, I'll put you in jail for contempt."

The *Bible* says that a prophet is without honor in his own territory. Sometimes a lot of information and familiarity is hurtful, but overall it's good to be familiar to know each other, to know our strengths and our weaknesses. It only makes our bonds stronger. Too often we are divided by warring camps of mistrust and dislike fueled by jealousy. The "polarization of our society" has been observed to be the single most troubling phenomenon of our day.

Communication is mandated in the book of Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 16, we are instructed to "do good and communicate. Forget not, with such sacrifices God is pleased." Communication is essential to avoid conflicts in scheduling, in substantive goals, to avoid misunderstanding, to help us interpret even what we hear or see. Consider the story about a country doctor.

He was called to a remote farmhouse on a bad stormy night to deliver a baby. There was no one else at home except for a five-year-old boy. The doctor enlisted his help. Soon when the baby came the doctor held it up and whacked it on its bottom to initiate that first breath of life. And then being pleased with himself he turned to the young boy who had just witnessed the miracle of birth and he asked him what he thought of that. The young boy thought for a moment and then he said, "Well, he shouldn't have crawled up in there in the first place. Smack him again."

Sometimes we misinterpret what we see. Moreover how often are our specific organizations and institutions maligned and misinterpreted by those from the outside who would attack us and condemn us labeling us a cult or other nefarious names. This is solely because they are unenlightened and see only limited things taken completely out of context and without any explanation. We must be able to explain to our members and to others. We must communicate so that we understand each other so that we appear to the world as a house undivided.

We must be vigilant, practicing what we preach. These are the principles of the cabletow. Consider also the story of a magistrate who resided on the border of North Carolina and South Carolina. He was known to be a fastidious martinet — a stickler for the law — for admonishing everyone to adhere strictly to the very letter of the law. One day he built a fence on his property line which happened to be also on the border between the states. As he was erecting the fence an argument developed between himself and the neighbor. Soon his son who helped him erect the fence and the neighbor fell to fighting. Immediately the magistrate, consistent with his duty, jumped up on the fence and yelled and said, "Cease, I command you in the name of the law. Stop." Suddenly the fence gave way and buckled and the magistrate landed on the South Carolina side whereupon he immediately jumped up and said, "By golly, I've lost my jurisdiction. Give him hell, Jim."

Sometimes we only practice Masonry when we are on duty. How many of us pay lip service the virtues of our obligations and repeat those idle words in our lodges, but forget them once we get outside. As Masons we are always on duty. We are taught in our closing charge before leaving that we are "about to go and mix again with the world but to forget not those duties we have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in our lodges." And further that these generous principals extend further. We are to do good until all. Every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. Remember, brothers, that this is what the outside person, the public, that young and curious man first sees. We must practice outside our lodges those principals taught inside. To do so is to do as the *Bible* commands when it refers to that "there abideth three faith, hope and charity, but the greatest is charity. If we speak with tongues but

have no love and do no charity we are like a noisy gong, a tinkling, clanging symbol, a sheath without a sword as the poet says." Said another way, Dr. Frederick Harris, the former Chaplain to the United States Senate spoke of the shame of a neutral and how we are like a chameleon constantly changing, a person without conviction.

To build strong ties the principles we must daily practice are the principles of the cabletow. This is a word most common to Masonry. It comes from the German word *Kabletau*. Cable meaning "rope or cord", tow is "that which tuggeth". Practically it's used through the first degrees is to make and perpetuate control with which use all Masons are very familiar. But moreover it is a covenant by which all Masons are tied. There is a Biblical foundation. In the book of Kings, Chapter 20, verse 31, we learn of the Syrian King Ben Hadad who is defeated by Israelite forces. His servants put ropes on their head and went before the king of Israel and plead for the life of their king. Their actions and sincerity brought clemency. Thus, we learn that it is a means of expressing a bond of concern for fellow man. And further in the Book of Hosea, chapter 11, verse 4, we learn that a cabletow is emblematic of a cord or band of affection which should unite the whole fraternity or brotherhood. It is said, "I drew them with cords of a man with bands of love." We are therefore bound by bonds of love even to those we have not yet met. Our senior U.S. Senator, Jesse Helms, has described Masonry as "a caring and sacrificial bond between men."

Love symbolized by bands of cord is the principal ingredient in our fraternal organization that unites men and women of appendant and related organizations of every state, country, sect, and opinion in all stations of life into a great fraternal body. We are a brotherhood of humankind under the auspices of God, creator of all. The cabletow has been likened to that cord between mother and child which is severed at birth yet a bond continues between the mother and child much in the same way that a bond continues with master masons and their lodges. The cabletow then serves as an outward and visible pledge of such submission and fidelity to the lodge and to each other. Moreover it is a symbol of a vow to assist another even at the risk of our lives. Its strength and length depends upon each person's ability to fulfill his obligations. It is a test of his character and his capacity to love. Throughout history we find examples of this principal of obligation to come to the aid of another, even transcending organized political differences. From the Revolutionary War there are stories about British troops carefully preserving American Masonic property and turning it back over to Masonic authorities under a flag of truce. During the Civil War period Masons fought on both sides. This history is replete with examples of men exemplifying those principles of brotherly love and kindnesses rendered by and to brothers wearing the uniform of the other color. It includes examples of prisoners of war allowed to attend a lodge; Masonic funerals conducted for fallen soldiers of the opposite side; of delivering property and personal effects to family members by brothers from opposing forces. In the aftermath of the carnage from September 11 a year ago we saw the power of one, we saw unimaginable acts of kindness multiplied like so many fishes and loaves.

Practices of the cabletow are seen in great acts of sacrifice and heroism or in small individual kindnesses. Of the many opportunities and benefits afforded me by masonry not the least of which is the opportunity to meet many caring, dedicated and sacrificial people — some from very far away, other in our own back yard. Some develop as new bonds with someone with whom we were already acquainted. There are so many. The difficulty is in choosing which ones to reference.

They include examples such as Don Floyd. On one night when my son was a freshman in college and he and his girlfriend were returning to college after a weekend at home. She was to take him to Wilmington and then drive to Raleigh. Somewhere outside of Wilmington car trouble developed and the car stopped. It's a frustrating and helpless thing for a father when a child is stranded five hours away in the middle of the

night. I did the only thing I knew. I picked up a Masonic directory and called a Mason — a person not very well known to me at the time. I explained my situation and asked if he could look in on them and maybe see that they got safely somewhere. He said, “Don’t worry. I will take care of it.” He not only went to them and took them to Wilmington where they could be safe, but he also took with him another brother who was a mechanic. They fixed the car and wouldn’t accept payment. Both students were in their respective classes at 8:00 A.M. the next morning, on in Raleigh and one in Wilmington. Moreover, a father rested peacefully because he knew someone was there with whom there existed a strong bond.

Another time was when a brother from Louisiana was persuaded to allow his daughter against his better judgment to take a trip with some young people. They were to connect with him in Florida where he would be going for a business trip. In route the young girl realized the people with whom she was traveling were involved with things with which she should not be a part. She knew she must get away. She was put out on a street near the bus terminal in Raleigh. She was unable to reach her father. She could reach his office which was able to get in contact with him, but not with her. Not knowing what her real condition was, realizing and believing that there was more to the situation than that which he had been apprised, he did the only thing he knew to do. He didn’t know if she had money or food. He contacted a friend who was Grand Master of Masons in his state of Louisiana, who in turn found me at a judge’s conference in Wilmington. It was during the weekend and all the offices were closed. While he was on the phone, I with another phone contacted another brother near the Raleigh area, Ronnie Stewart. He was a former chief deputy and detective. I called him as he was in route some place else in his car. He said simply, “Don’t worry. I’ll take care of it.” In ten minutes he was back at that bus station. He knew how to handle these kinds of things and locate people.

He identified the young girl. He and his wife went to her and consoled her. They got her tickets and on the right way back home. They stayed with her, comforted her, they fed her. They were with her until her bus departed until she could be reunited with her father. But moreover a panicked father rested easily because he knew there was a strong tie even among persons he had never met.

In another story, a young girl, a college student, left her apartment in Raleigh after exams at Christmas time in route back to her coastal home. Her father was serving with the Air Force in Honduras. In route she had car trouble and was forced to pull off the interstate where her car suddenly stopped in the middle of the night in a very dangerous area. Some cars were beginning to pass by repeatedly. Her cell phone was with her but was about to give out of power. She had enough power for only approximately one call. At this time a man came and approached her and asked her if she was broken down. She did not know what to say. She pulled the window down just enough for her to respond. He told her, “Well, if you are broken down you don’t need to stay here, this is a very dangerous place. You need to come with me and let me get you some help.” Now she was really concerned and afraid. She did not know this man. She was in a dilemma. She had the presence of mind to ask him to step to his car just a moment and she used up the remaining power on her cell phone. She called her boyfriend’s family and asked what should she do. She said, by the way, I think he is alright. He seems like a nice person. I asked her why, and she said because he has one of those rings like Jeremy’s dad has. I came to the phone and immediately asked to put the man on. And we immediately had a bond. But moreover two fathers rested easily because they knew there was someone with whom they shared a tie and a strong bond.

There is another story of past grand master from South Carolina who proudly wears a jewel at many Masonic functions. There is a story behind that which is all too pleased to tell but can’t do so without tears in his eyes. It is indeed among his most

prized possessions. He kept it locked in a safe in his place of business. One night he was burglarized and it was stolen along with money and other things. The insurance company tried to pay him for it but he refused, adamantly stating, "I know I will get it back one day." They thought he was foolish. Almost two years later a phone call came and a man said, "I believe I have something that belongs to you." He described the jewel. Immediately the past grand master said, I only have two questions, "How much do you want, and where or how would you like me to meet you to receive it?" The voice at the other end said simply, "First of all, I'll bring it to you and secondly you don't owe me anything." Soon the man arrived at the past grand master's house and there he saw the beautiful jewel again. It had been cleaned obviously. The man explained that he found this under a creek bed where the rivers waters had receded while he was fishing with his grandson. With tears in his eyes the past grand master said, "You don't know how much this means to me. This is priceless. Surely you must allow me to pay you something for it." And the man said, "No, you don't understand. I have already been paid." Whereupon he pulled from his wallet a yellowed photo. It showed a young child with dreadfully mangled legs, so much so that he couldn't walk, he was forced to sit in a makeshift, homemade wheelchair. The man went on to explain, "This was me. My parents had no money and could not afford special treatment. Then one day a man saw me and said that he was a Mason and Shriner and that his friends could help me. They did. Today I have three children and several grandchildren. I have had a wonderful career. One of my children is a preacher, one is a respected lawyer and legislator, the other is a surgeon. All of that is possible only because of people like you. So you see I have already paid me."

There is another story of my friend, John. John runs a small restaurant and takes fishing parties down in Hatteras, North Carolina. He is very gregarious and quick to start up a conversation about fishing. It's usually about that great red drum that always gets away — the one with whom he has communed almost daily over the years — the one he outwardly vows to some day catch, yet, secretly hopes he never does. But John is also a decorated war veteran. John served in Vietnam. Growing up on the Outer Banks hunting, made him a natural to be selected for an elite group of marksmen. He was trained as a sniper. He would spend days virtually motionless relieving himself in his own specially developed camouflaged suit waiting for his target. Then in a split second his team mate, a spotter, would see something undetected by others would call out coordinates and then in another second it was over. When John first came to Vietnam there was no smoking allowed in or around the base camps, even the safe houses from dusk till daylight. Enemy snipers had learned to quickly lock in on that cherry glow of cigarette as a target. This gives new meaning to the adage that smoking will kill you. John's team started putting lighted cigarettes in trees and on makeshift braces. Then when they heard the sound of the enemy sniper's gun they would quickly zero in and take out the enemy sniper. By the end of his first tour men huddled together in groups and smoked even fat cigars nonchalantly all through the night.

On one fateful day John, while moving with others in his team and in order to prevent others from doing so stepped on a mine. It was of a bomb that was triggered by weight. It was armed when it was stepped on. It was detonated when the weight shifted off. When the unlucky one jumped off it would explode killing everyone around. If one had the presence of mind to instantly stop and remain motionless then eventually you would have to move and take the brunt of it all alone or be picked by the certain enemy snipers. Now there were rescue detonation squads or bomb squads, but they required a cumbersome somewhat lengthy and dangerous process of tediously replacing the soldier's weight with other weight. The enemy snipers would simply wait for this opportunity to have several soldiers pre-occupied and simply pick them off like so many sitting ducks. Knowing all of this, John insisted that his teammates and fellow squad

members move quickly away. He demanded that they do it. The explosion would give away their location if the snipers did not already know. When he knew they were safely away he jumped. The bomb exploded. Somehow however he survived, but he was seriously and permanently injured; his spleen, his liver, other internal organs. Shrapnel came all the way through his back and out through his chest. His legs were broken and he still carries shrapnel in legs and back today.

John was awarded a Purple Heart. He insisted however that it be shared symbolically with his team members each to be given a piece. They vowed that someday they would be united.

What causes a man to make a sacrifice such as this? My *Bible* tells me that, "Greater love hath no man than that he should lay down his life for another," John 15:13. How long is your cabletow? This is the length, strength and breadth of our fraternal ties. It is, I'm sure, no surprise to you that John is a brother Mason.

Now Masons do not have a monopoly on heroism, on personal sacrifice, on altruism or love. But it counts among its ranks a disproportionate number of heroes, persons dedicated to public service and performing charity work for their own community and others. Among the fireman, EMTs and policeman losing their lives at the World Trade Center last September 11 there were more members of this fraternity than of any other. Today our chief justice, the president of the senate and the speaker of our House of Representatives and the senior US senator are all Masons. Historically all grand masters were either the governor, the chief justice or military leaders or legislators. Perhaps the same reasons that called them to public service and altruism are the very reasons attracting them to our related organizations.

Masonry requires good men, and it makes them better.

About my friend John, last summer seven of his teammates were reunited. The Purple Heart is now again complete. Past Grand Master Boyd Hopkins while serving as grand orator urged us to think of the worth of a conviction not for sale in comparison to that of a chameleon. He reminded us that while we may not be called upon to sacrifice our lives for another or for our convictions in this day and time but we do live in the midst of constant struggle between right and wrong, conviction and un-involvement, good and evil. We make a difference in the way we deal daily with the concerns of others.

There are many reasons why people choose to be attracted to Masonry. It may be because of the rich symbolism in the system of education or the proud heritage, the number of Masons who were so intimately connected with and had great influence on the formation of our country by signing the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, or those who refused on principle that led the compromises forming a part of our countries legal system. It may be because the great charitable works. Masons donate approximately two million dollars per day to mostly non-masons. But I suspect that the main reasons people are attracted to Masonry is because of some individual we knew and wanted to be like — someone who exemplified the principles of the cabletow — of strong sacrificial bonds.

I am privileged, blessed, and thankful to be a citizen of this country, a member of our fraternity and to have the association and bonds with people like you who work and sacrifice to make our lives safe and our conditions better. I believe the world is a bit better today because of Masonry.

I thank you, each of you, for the identity and kinship, for the bonds we share. Thank you all for the differences you make, for who you are. May God Bless each and every one of you.

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1787 Samuel Johnston.....	Richard Caswell.....	Richard Ellis.....	Michael Payne.....	Abner Neale.....	James Glasgow
1788 Richard Caswell.....	Michael Payne.....	James Glasgow.....	Silas White Arnett.....	Stephen Cabarrus.....	William J. Dawson
1789 Samuel Johnston.....	James Glasgow.....	Silas White Arnett.....	Lunsford Long.....	Stephen Cabarrus.....	William J. Dawson
1790 Samuel Johnston.....	James Glasgow.....	Stephen Cabarrus.....	Isaac Guion.....	Frederick Hargett.....	Matthias Handy
1791 Samuel Johnston.....	James Glasgow.....	Stephen Cabarrus.....	Lunsford Long.....	Frederick Hargett.....	Matthias Handy
1792 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	Lunsford Long.....	John Macon.....	Frederick Hargett.....	James Ellis
1793 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	John Macon.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Frederick Hargett.....	Richard W. Freear
1794 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Henry Hill.....	John Macon.....	Robert Williams
1795 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Richard W. Freear.....	Robert Williams
1796 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Richard W. Freear.....	Robert Williams
1797 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	James Glasgow.....	John Louis Taylor.....	David Caldwell.....	Henry Potter.....	Robert Williams
1798 Wm. Richardson Davie.....	John Haywood.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Waightstill Avery.....	Henry Potter.....	Robert Williams
1799 William Polk.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	John Winslow.....	Henry Potter.....	Robert Williams
1800 William Polk.....	John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	William Duffy.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1801 William Polk.....	John Louis Taylor.....	John Hall.....	Nathaniel Alexander.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1802 John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	John Hall.....	William Duffy.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1803 John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	John Hall.....	Robert Cochran.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1804 John Louis Taylor.....	Montfort Stokes.....	John Hall.....	William Duffy.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1805 John Hall.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Robert Cochran.....	William Duffy.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1806 John Hall.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Robert Cochran.....	Geo. Lee Davidson.....	William Boylan.....	Robert Williams
1807 John Hall.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Benjamin Smith.....	Geo. Lee Davidson.....	William Boylan.....	Thomas L. Williams
1808 Benjamin Smith.....	Robert Williams.....	Geo. Lee Davidson.....	Andrew Caldwell.....	William Boylan.....	Thomas L. Williams
1809 Benjamin Smith.....	Robert Williams.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Boylan.....	Thomas L. Williams
1810 Benjamin Smith.....	Robert Williams.....	Montfort Stokes.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Boylan.....	Thomas L. Williams
1811 Robert Williams.....	Robert Williams.....	Calvin Jones.....	Geo. Lee Davidson.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1812 Robert Williams.....	Jeremiah Slade.....	Calvin Jones.....	Geo. Lee Davidson.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1813 Robert Williams.....	Jeremiah Slade.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Miller.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1814 Robert Williams.....	Jeremiah Slade.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Miller.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1815 John Louis Taylor.....	Jeremiah Slade.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Miller.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1816 John Louis Taylor.....	Kemp Plummer.....	Calvin Jones.....	William Miller.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1817 Calvin Jones.....	John Winslow.....	James Ireddell.....	Simmons J. Baker.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1818 Calvin Jones.....	John Winslow.....	Louis Dicken Wilson.....	Leonard Henderson.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1819 Calvin Jones.....	James Ireddell.....	Louis Dicken Wilson.....	Leonard Henderson.....	William Boylan.....	Alexander Lucas
1820 John Adams Cameron.....	Frederick Nash.....	Louis Dicken Wilson.....	John C. Ehringhaus.....	William Boylan.....	Bazaleel Gillett
1821 John Adams Cameron.....	Frederick Nash.....	Jas. Strudwick Smith.....	Joseph H. Bryan.....	William Boylan.....	Benj. A. Barham
1822 James Strudwick Smith.....	James Ireddell.....	Joseph H. Bryan.....	Richard D. Spaight.....	William Boylan.....	Benj. A. Barham
1823 Robert Strange.....	Francis Lister Hawks.....	Thomas Clancy.....	Bazaleel Gillett.....	William Boylan.....	Alex. J. Lawrence
1824 Robert Strange.....	Francis Lister Hawks.....	Thomas A. Pasteur.....	Bazaleel Gillett.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	Alex. J. Lawrence
1825 Hutchins Gordon Burton.....	Francis Lister Hawks.....	George E. Spruill.....	Louis Dicken Wilson.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	Alex. J. Lawrence
1826 Hutchins Gordon Burton.....	Francis Lister Hawks.....	George E. Spruill.....	Louis Dicken Wilson.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	Alex. J. Lawrence
1827 Louis Dicken Wilson.....	John E. Lewis.....	George E. Spruill.....	Jesse Speight.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	John C. Stedman
1828 Louis Dicken Wilson.....	John Owen.....	James Grant.....	Samuel F. Patterson.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	John C. Stedman
1829 Louis Dicken Wilson.....	John Owen.....	James Grant.....	Samuel F. Patterson.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	John C. Stedman
1830 Richard Dobbs Spaight.....	Samuel F. Patterson.....	George Blair.....	John Hill Wheeler.....	Benjamin A. Barham.....	John C. Stedman

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1831 Richard Dobbs Spaight	Samuel F. Patterson	Rufus Haywood	Daniel Coleman	Dirk Lindeman	Charles D. Lehman
1832 Simmons Jones Baker	William Davidson	Gray Little	John G. Marshall	Dirk Lindeman	Thomas J. Lemay
1833 Samuel F. Patterson	David W. Stone	Daniel Coleman	Edmund B. Freeman	Dirk Lindeman	John J. Christopher
1834 Samuel F. Patterson	David W. Stone	Daniel Coleman	John G. Marshall	Dirk Lindeman	John J. Christopher
1835 Lewis H. Marsteller	David W. Stone	Henry Blount	Edmund B. Freeman	Green W. Ligon	William T. Bain
1836 Lewis H. Marsteller	David W. Stone	Henry Blount	James Macin	Green W. Ligon	William T. Bain
1837 David W. Stone	Thomas L. B. Gregory	William W. Cherry	William B. Dunn	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1838 David W. Stone	Kenneth Raynor	William W. Cherry	Duncan G. McKale	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1839 David W. Stone	William B. Dunn	John G. Marshall	Daniel S. Crenshaw	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1840 Simmons Jones Baker	William S. Baker	Daniel S. Crenshaw	Kader Biggs	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1841 Daniel S. Crenshaw	Thomas Loring	Thomas E. Pender	Davis Young	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1842 John Hill Wheeler	Jonathan H. Jacobs	Thomas E. Pender	Davis Young	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1843 John Hill Wheeler	David Lowery Swain	Phineas W. Fanning	William P. Taylor	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1844 Phineas W. Fanning	David W. Stone	Thomas S. Clark	Arthur S. Mooring	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1845 Phineas W. Fanning	Thomas Loring	Wiley W. Johnson	Talcoff Burr	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1846 Phineas W. Fanning	William Gott	John H. Drake	Peter Adams	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1847 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	Talcoff Burr	William H. Mead	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1848 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	John H. Drakes	Joab Hiatt	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1849 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	William G. Hill	Joab Hiatt	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1850 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	John A. Rowland	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1851 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	James E. Allen	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1852 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	William P. Taylor	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1853 Clement H. Jordan	William P. Taylor	Peter Adams	James H. Moore	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1854 Clement H. Jordan	William P. Taylor	William K. Blake	Joseph Green	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1855 Pleasant A. Holt	William P. Taylor	William K. Blake	Joseph Green	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1856 Pleasant A. Holt	Alfred Martin	James T. Alexander	Joseph M. Cox	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1857 Alfred Martin	Lewis S. Williams	James T. Alexander	Joseph M. Cox	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1858 Alfred Martin	Lewis S. Williams	Henry C. Lucas	Daniel Coleman	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1859 Lewis S. Williams	Eli W. Ward	Henry C. Lucas	Eli F. Watson	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1860 Lewis S. Williams	Eli W. Ward	Henry C. Lucas	Eli F. Watson	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1861 William G. Hill	Eli Watson	James E. Allen	Charles C. Clark	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1862 Eli F. Watson	Edwin Godwin Reade	Daniel Coleman	Rufus K. Speed	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1863 Eli F. Watson	Edwin Godwin Reade	John McCormick	Rufus K. Speed	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1864 John McCormick	Eugene Grissom	Robert W. Best	Robert W. Best	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1865 Edwin Godwin Reade	John M. Happoldt	Robert W. Best	David H. Stephenson	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1866 Edwin Godwin Reade	Robert W. Best	William Lander	John Nichols	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1867 Robert W. Best	James G. Ramsey	Robert B. Vance	John Nichols	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1868 Robert B. Vance	Ellis Malone	Robert B. Vance	Thomas M. Gardner	Cel. W. D. Hutchings	Donald W. Bain
1869 Robert B. Vance	Ellis Malone	Joseph B. Batchelor	Samuel H. Rountree	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1870 Charles C. Clark	Joseph B. Batchelor	John Nichols	Samuel H. Rountree	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1871 Charles C. Clark	Joseph B. Batchelor	John Nichols	Clinton A. Cilley	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1872 John Nichols	Thomas M. Gardner	Clinton A. Cilley	Robert W. Hardie	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1873 John Nichols	Thomas M. Gardner	Clinton A. Cilley	Robert W. Hardie	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1874 George W. Blount	Clinton A. Cilley	Horace H. Munson	Horace H. Munson	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain

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1875 George W. Blount.....	Samuel C. Shelton.....	Eugene Grissom.....	Robert V. Blackstock.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1876 Horace H. Munson.....	Clinton A. Cilley.....	Robert W. Hardie.....	James C. L. Gudge.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1877 Horace H. Munson.....	Thomas S. Kenan.....	Robert W. Hardie.....	James C. L. Gudge.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1878 William R. Cox.....	James C. L. Gudge.....	Chas. W. Alexander.....	Henry F. Grainger.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1879 William R. Cox.....	James C. L. Gudge.....	Chas. W. Alexander.....	Henry F. Grainger.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1880 Henry F. Grainger.....	James W. Reid.....	Robert Bingham.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1881 Henry F. Grainger.....	James W. Reid.....	Robert Bingham.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1882 Robert Bingham.....	Fabius H. Busbee.....	Robert Bingham.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1884 Robert Bingham.....	Fabius H. Busbee.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1885 Fabius H. Busbee.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1886 Fabius H. Busbee.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1887 Charles H. Robinson.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1888 Charles H. Robinson.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1889 Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1890 Samuel H. Smith.....	Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	William E. Anderson.....	Donald W. Bain
1891 Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Darius S. Waitt.....	Donald W. Bain
1892 Hezekiah A. Gudge.....	John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Richard J. Noble.....	William Simpson.....	Donald W. Bain
1893 John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Walter E. Moore.....	William Simpson.....	William H. Bain
1894 John W. Cotten.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Walter E. Moore.....	William Simpson.....	William H. Bain
1895 Francis M. Moye.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Walter E. Moore.....	James A. Leach.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1896 Francis M. Moye.....	William H. Summerell.....	Walter E. Moore.....	Beverly S. Royster.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1897 Walter E. Moore.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Beverly S. Royster.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1898 Walter E. Moore.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Beverly S. Royster.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1899 Richard J. Noble.....	Beverly S. Royster.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Walter S. Liddell.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1900 Beverly S. Royster.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Francis D. Winston.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1901 Beverly S. Royster.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Francis D. Winston.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1902 Henry Irwin Clark.....	Henry Irwin Clark.....	Walter S. Liddell.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1903 Henry Irwin Clark.....	Walter S. Liddell.....	Francis D. Winston.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1904 Walter S. Liddell.....	Francis D. Winston.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	William Simpson.....	John C. Dewry
1905 Walter S. Liddell.....	Francis D. Winston.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1906 Francis D. Winston.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1907 Francis D. Winston.....	Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1908 Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	F. M. Winchester.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1909 Samuel M. Gattis.....	Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	F. M. Winchester.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1910 Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	F. M. Winchester.....	John T. Alderman.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1911 Richard N. Hackett.....	William B. McCoy.....	F. M. Winchester.....	John T. Alderman.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1912 William B. McCoy.....	Francis M. Winchester.....	John T. Alderman.....	Frank P. Hobgood Jr.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1913 Francis M. Winchester.....	John T. Alderman.....	John T. Alderman.....	Frank P. Hobgood Jr.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1914 John T. Alderman.....	Frank P. Hobgood Jr.....	Alex B. Andrews Jr.....	Claude L. Pridgen.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1915 Frank P. Hobgood Jr.....	Alex B. Andrews Jr.....	Claude L. Pridgen.....	George S. Norfleet.....	Leo D. Heart.....	John C. Dewry
1916 Alex B. Andrews Jr.....	Claude L. Pridgen.....	George S. Norfleet.....	Henry A. Grady.....	Leo D. Heart.....	William W. Wilson
1917 Claude L. Pridgen.....	George S. Norfleet.....	Henry A. Grady.....	James C. Braswell.....	Benjamin R. Lacy.....	William W. Wilson
1918 George S. Norfleet.....	Henry A. Grady.....	James C. Braswell.....	J. Bailey Owen.....	Benjamin R. Lacy.....	William W. Wilson
1919 Henry A. Grady.....	James C. Braswell.....	J. Bailey Owen.....	James H. Webb.....	Benjamin R. Lacy.....	William W. Wilson

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1920 James C. Braswell.....	J. Bailey Owen	James H. Webb	Hubert M. Potat	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1921 J. Bailey Owen.....	James H. Webb	J. LeGrand Everett	J. LeGrand Everett	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1922 James H. Webb	Hubert M. Potat	Leon Cash	Leon Cash	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1923 Hubert M. Potat	J. LeGrand Everett	John E. Cameron	John H. Anderson	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1924 J. LeGrand Everett	Leon Cash	John E. Cameron	John H. Anderson	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1925 Leon Cash	John E. Cameron	John H. Anderson	Raymond C. Dunn	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1926 John E. Cameron	John H. Anderson	Raymond C. Dunn	John J. Phoenix	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1927 John H. Anderson	Raymond C. Dunn	John J. Phoenix	A. J. Harris	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1928 Raymond C. Dunn	John J. Phoenix	E. W. Timberlake Jr.	B. S. Royster Jr.	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Wilson
1929 John J. Phoenix	E. W. Timberlake Jr.	B. S. Royster Jr.	J. Wallace Winborne	Benjamin R. Lacy	John H. Anderson
1930 Edgar W. Timberlake Jr.	J. Wallace Winborne	Herbert C. Alexander	P. T. Wilson	John J. Phoenix	John H. Anderson
1931 J. Wallace Winborne	Herbert C. Alexander	P. T. Wilson	Roy F. Ebbs	John J. Phoenix	John H. Anderson
1932 Herbert C. Alexander	P. T. Wilson	Roy F. Ebbs	Charles B. Newcomb	John J. Phoenix	John H. Anderson
1933 P. T. Wilson	Roy F. Ebbs	Charles B. Newcomb	J. Giles Hudson	John J. Phoenix	John H. Anderson
1934 Roy F. Ebbs	Charles B. Newcomb	J. Giles Hudson	Watson N. Sherrord	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1935 Charles B. Newcomb	J. Giles Hudson	Watson N. Sherrord	Harry T. Paterson	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1936 J. Giles Hudson	Watson N. Sherrord	Harry T. Paterson	J. Edward Allen	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1937 Watson N. Sherrord	Harry T. Paterson	J. Edward Allen	Thos. J. Harkins	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1938 Harry T. Paterson	J. Edward Allen	Thos. J. Harkins	Charles P. Eldridge	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1939 J. Edward Allen	Thos. J. Harkins	Charles P. Eldridge	James E. Shipman	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1940 Thomas J. Harkins	Charles P. Eldridge	James E. Shipman	James W. Payne	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1941 Charles P. Eldridge	James W. Payne	James W. Payne	Julius C. Hobbs	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1942 James E. Shipman	James W. Payne	Julius C. Hobbs	Clyde H. Jarrett	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1943 James W. Payne	Julius C. Hobbs	Clyde H. Jarrett	William J. Bundy	Herbert C. Alexander	John H. Anderson
1944 Julius C. Hobbs	Clyde H. Jarrett	William J. Bundy	Luther T. Hartzell Jr.	Herbert C. Alexander	Chas. B. Newcomb
1945 Clyde H. Jarrett	William J. Bundy	Luther T. Hartzell Jr.	Maxwell E. Hoffman	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1946 William J. Bundy	Luther T. Hartzell Jr.	Maxwell E. Hoffman	Wilkins P. Horton	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1947 Luther T. Hartzell Jr.	Maxwell E. Hoffman	Wilkins P. Horton	Wallace E. Caldwell	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1948 Maxwell E. Hoffman	Wilkins P. Horton	Wallace E. Caldwell	Herbert M. Foy	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1949 Wilkins P. Horton	Wallace E. Caldwell	Herbert M. Foy	William H. White	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1950 Wallace E. Caldwell	Herbert M. Foy	William H. White	Edwin T. Howard	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1951 Herbert M. Foy	William H. White	Edwin T. Howard	Robert L. Pugh	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1952 William H. White	Edwin T. Howard	Robert L. Pugh	Charles H. Vance	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1953 Edwin T. Howard	Robert L. Pugh	Charles H. Vance	John C. Vance	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1954 Robert L. Pugh	Charles H. Vance	John C. Vance	James G. Johnston	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1955 Charles H. Vance	John C. Vance	James G. Johnston	W. Eli Hand	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1956 John C. Vance	James G. Johnston	W. Eli Hand	Harvey W. Smith	Herbert C. Alexander	Wilbur L. McIver
1957 Charles A. Harris	James G. Johnston	W. Eli Hand	Lester H. Gillikin	Herbert M. Foy	Charles A. Harris
1958 James G. Johnston	W. Eli Hand	Lester H. Gillikin	James W. Brewer	Herbert M. Foy	Charles A. Harris
1959 W. Eli Hand	James W. Brewer	Charles C. Ricker	James W. Brewer	Herbert M. Foy	Charles A. Harris
1960 Harvey W. Smith	James W. Brewer	Charles C. Ricker	W. Edward Burrier	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1961 James W. Brewer	Charles C. Ricker	W. Edward Burrier	G. Dudley Humphrey	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1962 Charles C. Ricker	W. Edward Burrier	G. Dudley Humphrey	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1963 W. Edward Burrier	G. Dudley Humphrey	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Arnold J. Koonce Sr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris

Grand Officers (Elective) Of North Carolina From Organization In 1787 to Present

Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden	Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1964 G. Dudley Humphrey	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Arnold J. Koonce Sr.	Alfred A. Kafer Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1965 Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Arnold J. Koonce Sr.	Alfred A. Kafer Jr.	Robert N. Bass Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1966 Alfred A. Koonce Sr.	Robert N. Bass Jr.	William A. Hooks	William A. Hooks	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1967 Alfred A. Koonce Jr.	Robert N. Bass Jr.	William A. Hooks	Maurice E. Walsh	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1968 Robert N. Bass Jr.	William A. Hooks	Maurice E. Walsh	William W. Mims Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1969 William A. Hooks	Maurice E. Walsh	Berl M. Kahn	Nathaniel C. Dean	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1970 Maurice E. Walsh	William W. Mims Jr.	Berl M. Kahn	William L. Mills Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1971 William W. Mims Jr.	Nathaniel C. Dean	Nathaniel C. Dean	William L. Mills Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1972 Berl M. Kahn	William L. Mills Jr.	William L. Mills Jr.	S. Frank Noble Jr.	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1973 Nathaniel C. Dean	S. Frank Noble Jr.	S. Frank Noble Jr.	Hiram J. Casebolt	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1974 William L. Mills Jr.	S. Frank Noble Jr.	Hiram J. Casebolt	Leslie H. Garner	James W. Brewer	Charles A. Harris
1975 S. Frank Noble Jr.	Hiram J. Casebolt	Leslie H. Garner	J. Earl Watson	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1976 Leslie H. Garner	J. Earl Watson	Jacob C. Goodman	William B. Bellois	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1977 J. Earl Watson	Jacob C. Goodman	William B. Bellois	E. Stansil Aldridge	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1978 Jacob C. Goodman	William B. Bellois	Nelson B. Banks	Nelson B. Banks	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1979 William B. Bellois	E. Stansil Aldridge	Nelson B. Banks	A. C. Honeycutt	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1980 E. Stansil Aldridge	Nelson B. Banks	A. C. Honeycutt	Cecil J. Liverman	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1981 Nelson B. Banks	A. C. Honeycutt	Cecil J. Liverman	I. Boyd Hopkins	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1982 Cecil J. Liverman	I. Boyd Hopkins	Norburn C. Hyatt	Walter F. McCall	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1983 I. Boyd Hopkins	Norburn C. Hyatt	Eddie P. Stiles	L. R. Thomas Jr.	James W. Brewer	Robert P. Dudley
1984 I. Boyd Hopkins	Walter F. McCall	Eddie P. Stiles	Jerry G. Tart	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1985 Norburn C. Hyatt	Eddie P. Stiles	L. R. Thomas	B. T. Phillips Jr.	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1986 Walter F. McCall	L. R. Thomas	B. T. Phillips Jr.	Lester P. Martin Jr.	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1987 Eddie P. Stiles	Jerry G. Tart	Lester P. Martin Jr.	Willett R. Tillett	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1988 L. R. Thomas Jr.	B. T. Phillips Jr.	Ray Norris	William B. Brunk	Sam A. Hennis Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1989 Jerry G. Tart	Lester P. Martin Jr.	Richard G. Moore	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Jerry G. Tart	Robert P. Dudley
1990 Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	Ray Norris	Richard G. Moore	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Jerry G. Tart	Robert P. Dudley
1991 Lester P. Martin Jr.	Richard G. Moore	William B. Brunk	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Jerry G. Tart	Robert P. Dudley
1992 Ray Norris	William B. Brunk	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Gerry T. Smith	Jerry G. Tart	Robert P. Dudley
1993 Richard G. Moore	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	William H. Simpson	Thomas W. Gregory	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1994 William B. Brunk	William H. Simpson	Gerry T. Smith	Charles M. Ingram	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1995 Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Gerry T. Smith	Thomas W. Gregory	Charles E. Cathey	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	Robert P. Dudley
1996 William H. Simpson	Thomas W. Gregory	Charles M. Ingram	William L. Mills III	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	T. Walton Clapp III
1997 Gerry T. Smith	Charles M. Ingram	Charles E. Cathey	William G. Mathis	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	T. Walton Clapp III
1998 Thomas W. Gregory	Charles M. Ingram	William L. Mills III	Jerry R. Tillett	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	T. Walton Clapp III
1999 Charles M. Ingram	William G. Mathis	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	Leonard Y. Safrit Jr.	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	T. Walton Clapp III
2000 Charles E. Cathey	Jerry R. Tillett	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	Graham W. Pervier	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	T. Walton Clapp III
2001 William G. Mathis	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	Leonard Y. Safrit Jr.			
2002 Jerry R. Tillett	Charles A. Lewis Jr.				

Grand Lodges And Grand Representatives

Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
United States Of America		
Alabama (F&AM)	J. William Hudson	Richard Herbert Mallows
Alaska (F&AM)	Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	Henry T. Dunbar
Arizona (F&AM)	Leslie H. Garner	Conrad H. Baldwin, PGM
Arkansas (F&AM)	James E. Warren	Thomas J. Dooley
California (F&AM)	William R. Brunk	Herbert Hargrave Jr.
Colorado (AF&AM)	James S. Porter	Lawrence A. Long Jr.
Connecticut (AF&AM)	William K. Price	Stephen D. Piner
Delaware (AF&AM)	Gilbert R. Cooper	John N. Fortner
Dist. of Columbia F&AM)	William L. Kilpatrick	Jules S. Tepper
Florida (F&AM)	Michael N. Clark	Floyd Horton
Georgia (F&AM)	Robert E. Marshburn	E. Ray Knittel
Hawaii (AF&AM)	Charles E. Cathey	
Idaho (AF&AM)	Louis O. Dean Jr.	Philip Drew
Illinois (AF&AM)	Jerry R. Tillet	James J. Evans
Indiana (F&AM)	Lester P. Martin Jr.	William L. Hufford
Iowa (AF&AM)	IOWA does NOT exchange Grand Reps.	
Kansas (AF&AM)	E. John Elmore	Jerry W. Cole
Kentucky (F&AM)	Leonard Y. Safrit	Thomas E. Dicken
Louisiana (F&AM)	Norburn C. Hyatt	Ernest S. Smith
Maine (AF&AM)	James G. Martin	Kenneth C. Mitchell
Maryland (AF&AM)	Walter F. McCall	C. David Haacke
Massachusetts (AF&AM)	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	James Taylor Watson Jr.
Michigan (F&AM)	M. D. Jones	Russel C. Wells
Minnesota	C. F. Dickinson	David S. Bouschor
Mississippi (F&AM)	Hugh T. Hardee Jr.	Gene A. Mills
Missouri (AF&AM)	Ray M. Comer	Eldon D. Turnbull
Montana (AF&AM)	S. Frank Noble Jr.	James D. McColly
Nebraska (AF&AM)	Ray H. Early Jr.	Cullen F. Pilker

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Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
Nevada (F&AM)	W. Dennis Combs	Henry C. Nelson
New Hampshire (F&AM)	Cecil J. Liverman	Arnold B. Christiansen Jr.
New Jersey (F&AM)	Gene T. Jernigan	Francis R. Mitchell
New Mexico (AF&AM)	NEW MEXICO does NOT exchange Grand Reps.	
New York (F&AM)	Sam A. Hennis, PGM	Jacob Beardsley
North Dakota (AF&AM)	Ray Norris	Jess Stabenow
Ohio (F&AM)	Johnny R. West	Robert B. Will Jr.
Oklahoma (AF&AM)	Donald Street	William J. Cloud
Oregon (AF&AM)	David R. Grissom	Kent Scott McArthur
Pennsylvania (F&AM)	PENNSYLVANIA does NOT exchange Grand Reps	
Rhode Island (F&AM)	Dallas Holoman	Arthur R. Medley
South Carolina (A.F.M.)	William H. Simpson	Robert V. Pinkson
South Dakota (AF&AM)	J. Warren Jeffries	Allen Kettering
Tennessee (F&AM)	Edward J. Harper II	Thomas F. White
Texas (AF&AM)	H. M. Harvey Jr.	Plez Avery Transou
Utah (F&AM)	James H. Cole	John R. Lay
Vermont (F&AM)	Thomas G. Foster	Gerald Morong
Virginia (AF&AM)	W. Berry Rignon	John P. Stokes
Washington (F&AM)	Claude E. Childress	Marks L. Edwing
West Virginia (AF&AM)	Tommy L. Jones	Billy F. Gardner
Wisconsin (F&AM)	William G. Mathis	Rick E. Gustafson
Wyoming (AF&AM)	WYOMING does NOT exchange Grand Reps.	
Canada, Dominion of		
Alberta (AF&AM)	Robert R. Harrison	R. T. Martins
British Columbia (AF&AM)	G. Dick Pierce	Gordon Stuart Wright
Canada, In the Prince of Ontario (AF&AM)	Jerry R. Tillet	Douglas F. Clark
Manitoba (AF&AM)	David A. Thomas Sr.	John L. Rankin
New Brunswick (F&AM)	Thomas J. Mann	Stuart Allen

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Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
Newfoundland & Labrador		Thomas M. Lambert
Nova Scotia (AF&AM)	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	G. Edison Mac Neil
Prince Edward Island (AF&AM)	Earle R. Purser	William Lavers
Quebec (AF&AM)	James M. Galloway Jr.	Harold Allen
Saskatchewan (AF&AM)	George Kalamaras	Stanley A. Reavie
British Isles (United Kingdom)		
England (United Grand Lodge of)	T. Walton Clapp III.	Gerald J. K. Coles
Ireland (AF&AM)	W. Phillip Keller	Mervyn W. Morrison
Scotland (AF&AM)	Galard C. Moore Jr.	M. R. Allan Mackay
Australia		
New South Wales (AF&AM)	Kenneth L. Smith	K. M. Bellingham
New Zealand (AF&AM)	Hugh K. Terrell Jr.	Ross Hepburn
Queensland Wales (AF&AM)	Edwin L. Becton	Keith Brewer Gall
South Australia (AF&AM)	Joseph K. Transou	D. B. Walton
Tasmania (AF&AM)	Richard G. Moore	Alan Frank Bailey
Victoria (AF&AM)	Paul L. Whitfield	Justice Williams
Western Australia (AF&AM)	T. Bruce Boyette	S. D. Bishop
Central America		
Costa Rica (F&AM)	Douglas L. Caudle	Luis Castro Barquero
Cuba, Grand Logia DE		
Guatemala	Eddie H. Moody Jr.	S. Guillermo Ricci Fernandez
Nicaragua	Robert M. Bird	Federico Lopez
Panama (AF&AM) Panama City, Republic of Panama	Carl McCracken Jr.	David C. Sasso
"Cuscatlan Grand Logia de la Republica El Salvador	George A. Nash	Frank Wagner Goens
Mexico		
Baja California, Gran Logia de Estado de (AF&AM)	John H. Stanley	

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Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
Benito Juzrez, Grand Logia del Estado de Coahuila		Auturo Escobedo Pina
Chiapas, Grand Logia Del Estado de	J. Dewey Misenheimer	Abelardo R. Velasco
El Potosi (San Luis Potosi)	Floyd M. Burton	
Nuevo Leon, Gran Logia Del Estado de	Silas D. Fuller	F. B. Vriarte
"Occidental Mexicana", Gran Logia (AF&AM)	D. D. Phillips Jr.	Luis Mendez
"La Oriental Peninsular", Gran Logia (AF&AM)	Don Floyd	Heliodore Rodriguez Aguilar
Tamaulipas (F&AM)	Roger L. Eulliss	Dr. Salvador Cerda Jr.
Veracruz, Grand Lodge Unida Mexicana (F& ofAM)	Walter Klein	Angel N. Rosas
Valle de Mexico (F&AM)	Robert L. Parker	Enrique P. Loya
York Grand Lodge of Mexico (F&AM)		William R. Shiele
West Indies		
Puerto Rico, Sov. Grand Lodge of (F&AM)	M. Gene Lewellyn	Luis F. Rios-Vazquez
Republica Dominicana, Gran Logia D La Rep. Dom	James H. Horne	Miguel A. Camarena Lopez
South America		
Argentina (F&AM)	Kolen Flack	Juan Jose F. Palacios
Bolivia	T. Manly Honeycutt	Cyril H. Rees
Brazil		
Amazonas and Acre	Fred S. Daniels	Dr. Pedro Telmo Barba
Bahia, Grande Loja Unida Do	Norman C. Miller Jr.	Joir Da Silva Martins Brasileiro
Ceara, Grande Loja Do (AF&AM)	Alton L. Strickland	Menesclau De Araujo Costa
Goiias, Grand Lodge of the State of (F&AM)		Garibaldi Rizzo de Cartro Jr.
Minas Gerais, Symbolic Grand Lodge of (F&AM)	A. Gene Cobb Jr.	Dr. Hemano Lott Jr.
Para, Grande Loja Do Para (F&AM)	James S. Lofton	Raimundo Leite Pereira
Parahyba, Grande Loja Do	Robin S. McCombs	Mario Carneiro Da Costa
Piaui, Grande Loja Do (AF&AM)	Dewey C. Crutchfield	Jose Ribeiro de Carvalho
Guanaba, Grande Loja Do Estado Da	Elwyn D. Bowman	Sergio Alexandre Cunha Camargo

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Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
Rio Grande Do Sul	Gerald W. Ringer	Samuel H. Jones
Sao Paulo, Grande Loja Do Estado Do Sao Paulo	Fred L. Sherrill Jr.	Jose Roberto Kfoury
Chile		
(AF&AM)	Thomas L. Hartman	Floreal Toledo Vjarjn
Brasilia (AF&AM)	Bobby L. Womble	
Colombia (State Grand Lodges)		
Nacional de Colombia at		Frank Welpley
Bogota, Gran Logia de Colombia at	Gerry T. Smith	Dr. Elian Pinzon Neira
Cali, Gran Logia Occidental de Colombia at		Arturo Gomez Hernandez
Cartagena, Ser. Gran Logia Nacional de Colombia at	Kenneth H. Sitton	Manuel Ferlie Romero
Ecuador, Gran Logia (AF&AM)	J. Carroll Simmons	Ing. Boanerges Pin M.
Paraguay, Symbolic Grand Lodge of	John Herschleb	
Peru, Symbolic Grand Lodge of AF&AM	Willie P. Goodwin	Emilio Guerra Pejovez
Venezuela, Gran Logia de la Republic of	A. C. Honeycutt	
Europe		
Austria (Vienna) (AF&AM)	Charles E. Scott Jr.	
Belgium, Grande Loge de	Marshall Dilling	Daniel Bauwens
Czechoslovakia	Harry J. Stokes	
Denmark, National Grand Lodge of	L. R. Thomas Jr.	Soren Nielsen
Finland (F&AM)	Terry K. Jones	Seppo Penttinen
France (Grande Loge National Francaise	William D. Maness	Nat Granstein
Germany, United Grand Lodge of (AF&AM)	H. Lloyd Wilkerson	John A. Williams
Greece (AF&AM)	Thomas W. Gregory	Demetrios Papakyriakou
Hungary	Ronnie Stewart	Robert Schiller
Luxembourg (Grande Loge de Luxembourg)	Jerry L. Stapleford	Albert Nils
Iceland, National Grand Lodge of (AF&AM)	Lester P. Martin Jr.	Erlendur Einarsson

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Grand Lodge	Their Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge	Our Grand Representative Near Their Grand Lodges
Italy, Grand Orient of.....	Charles M. Ingram.....	Vincenzo Ciruzzi
Netherlands, The Grand East of the (F&AM)	William L. Mills III.....	A.Th. ten Houten
Norway	Charles E. Holcomb	Ivar Skar
Portugal (Grande Loja Legal de Portugal).....		Olivio L. Dias
Romania		
Rossia		
Spain (AF&AM)	Louis B. Meyer	Eric O'Hara
Sweden	Graham W. Pervier.....	Olof Kallin
Switzerland, Grand Lodge Alpina of	W. David Ford	Walter Kyburz
Yugoslavia	James O. Hartman	
Asia		
China (F&AM)	Henson P. Barnes	Peter K. C. Tsai
India (AF&AM)		Dr. B. Biswakumar
Iran (F&AM)	Michael H. Rachael.....	Mohammad Hassan Turan
Israel (AF&AM)	Louis W. Shrier.....	Tully Steinbach
Japan (F&AM)	Ralph P. Presley	Hayao Otsuki
Philippines (F&AM)	William R. Leggett	Rdyardo V. Bunda
Turkey (F&AM).....	Forrest F. Ball	Melih Sarter
Africa		
Grande Loge du Senegal		
Southern Africa (AF&AM)	Edward D. Hartsell.....	P. J. Van Der Merwe

**Lodges Under the Jurisdiction
Of
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Of
Ancient, Free And
Accepted Masons
Of
North Carolina**

Subordinate Lodges

Grand Lodge of AF&AM of North Carolina

Listing Key

Lodge (District)
Town
Lodge Location
Meeting Night
M-Master
S-Secretary

St. John's 1 (12)

Wilmington
4712 Oriole Drive
2 Tuesday
M-William Bradley Powell
S-Mervin E. Hogg

Royal White Hart 2 (8)

Halifax
Not available
1 Tuesday
M-Allen Dawson Glasgow
S-Wilbur A. Garner

St. John's 3 (7)

New Bern
516 Hancock Street
2 & 4 Wednesday, October-May
2 Wednesday, June-September
M-George Darrell Soltow
S-E. Coy Wetherington

St. John's 4 (10)

Kinston
1810 N. Heritage Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Maurice Ray Hill Jr.
S-Sterling W. Gillikin Jr.

Charity 5 (5)

Windsor
King Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Milton Gray Evans
S-Miles C. Davis Jr.

Unanimity 7 (1)

Edenton
215 E. Water Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Gladson Vaughan McDaniel
S-Carlton F. Jackson

Phoenix 8 (17)

Fayetteville
221 Mason Street
2 Tuesday
M-William Dennis Ivey
S-Robert J. Nunes

Johnston-Caswell 10 (8)

Warrenton
611 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Robert Hunter Carroll
S-George A. Fleming

Caswell Brotherhood 11 (22)

Yanceyville
Firetower Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-George Walter Williamson
S-Michael K. Cobb

St. John's 13 (11)

Kenansville
Lodge Street
1 Thursday
M-Willard Keith Kennedy
S-Snodie B. Wilson

American George 17 (5)

Murfreesboro
College Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-John Wesley Harrell
S-Edward W. Futrell

Eagle 19 (19)

Hillsborough
142 West King Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Robert Elwood Sturms
S-Jeffrey A. Borcik

Statesville 27 (30)

Statesville
302 E. Front Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Raymond Wayne Burnette
S-Joseph P. Link

Phalanx 31 (32)

Charlotte
4740 Randolph Road
1 Tuesday
M-John Armstrong Davis
S-Paul W. Poley

Stokes 32 (28)

Concord
51 Brumley Avenue
1 Monday
M-Bobby Wallace Puckett Jr.
S-Henry R. Tucker

Davie 39 (5)

Ahoskie
Corner North & Mitchell
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Thomas Earl Brittenham
S-Orrin C. Harrell

Hiram 40 (15)

Raleigh
1520 Caswell Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Richard Gordon Burley
S-Charles V. Rouse Jr.

Liberty 45 (33)

Wilkesboro
School Street
1 Thursday
M-Andrew Isham Boyles
S-William R. Brown

Hall 53 (1)

Shawboro
Indiantown Road
1 Wednesday
M-Gerhardt H. Wesner Jr.
S-Wayne R. Lambertson

Concord 58 (9)

Tarboro
1601 Barlow Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Stuart Beckwith Moore Jr.
S-E. Ray Register

Perseverance 59 (3)

Plymouth
703 NC Hwy 32 S
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Donald Jackson Porter
S-Harrison W. Phelps

Kilwinning 64 (29)

Wadesboro
S. Greene Street
2 & 4 Thursday
2 Thursday, Nov.-Dec.
M-Bryan Keith Ratliff
S-James L. Woodburn

Widow's Son 75 (1)

Camden
106 N. Hwy 343
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Robert Wilson Spruill
S-Lynn H. Berry

Greensboro 76 (23)

Greensboro
426 W. Market Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Douglas Ray Bolen
S-Carl R. Hall

Zion 81 (7)

Trenton
Lakeview Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Ricky Lee Hawkins
S-Anthony R. Berg

LaFayette 83 (4)

Jacksonville
305 Chaney Avenue
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-James Robert Yates
S-Robert P. Savacool

Fellowship 84 (16)

Smithfield
907 S. Bright Leaf Blvd.
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Marvin Irvin Libby
S-Harvey S. Evans Jr.

Morning Star 85 (9)

Nashville
220 Barnes Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Ralph Milton Howell Jr.
S-Cicero D. Jones II

Skewarkee 90 (5)

Williamston
610 N. Smithwick Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Richard Glenn Whitfield
S-Frederick E. Oglesby

Western Star 91 (38)

Rutherfordton
329 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Charles William Gowan
S-William L. Hamrick

Joseph Warren 92 (16)

Stantonsburg
8226 Stancil Town Road
1 Thursday
M-Kris Edward Radford
S-Lewis A. Laumann

Jerusalem 95 (6)

Hookerton
201 N. Main Street
2 Tuesday
M-Shea Fields McLawhorn
S-John I. Whitfield

Millbrook 97 (14)

Raleigh
2400 New Hope Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Brian George DeMott
S-Nelson L. Henthorne

Hiram 98 (11)

Clinton
213 Fisher Drive
1 & 3 Tuesday
1 Tuesday June, July, August
M-Clois Ray Hobbs Jr.
S-Dalton W. Mayo

Fulton 99 (28)

Salisbury
401 N. Fulton Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Marty Robin Basinger
S-Eric B. Mason

Columbus 102 (20)

Pittsboro
121 East Street
1 Tuesday
M-Marshall Todd Hinnant
S-James F. Norwood

Orr 104 (3)

Washington
116 E. Third Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Octavus Ray Wallace Jr.
S-Charles B. McFadden

Perquimans 106 (1)

Hertford
Church Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Timothy James Garrett
S-Cecil E. Winslow

Franklin 109 (4)

Beaufort
204 Turner Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-James Malcolm Lewis
S-Orville L. Jones

Wayne 112 (10)

Goldsboro
2301 Norwood Avenue
1 & 3 Monday
M-John Robert Franks
S-Gary T. White

Person 113 (19)

Roxboro
Leasburg Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Lamar Burton Winstead
S-Ronald E. Hicks

St. Alban's 114 (18)

Lumberton
600 N. Elm Street
1 Tuesday
M-Tonnie Lewis Prevatte
S-Benjamin H. Blake

Holly Springs 115 (15)

Holly Springs
224 Raleigh Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Todd Hampton Dyches
S-Kenneth L. Webster

Mount Lebanon 117 (16)

Wilson
2501 West Nash Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-James Starkey Howard IV
S-Hughes Dillard

Mount Hermon 118 (39)

Asheville
80 Broadway
1 Thursday
M-Mark Kent Rodgers
S-Kenneth B. Lance

Oxford 122 (13)

Oxford
105 W. College Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-William Scott Cannada
S-Donald L. Sizemore

Franklinton 123 (13)

Franklinton
Not available
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Joseph Dannie West
S-James A. Caudle

Mill Creek 125 (11)

Newton Grove
Raleigh Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Donald Chittenden
S-Earl A. Daughtry

Gatesville 126 (1)

Gatesville
125 Main Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Floyd Ralph Wilkins
S-Luther H. Eure

Blackmer 127 (24)

Mount Gilead
109 S. School Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Danny Edmund Blake Jr.
S-James S. McRae

Hanks 128 (24)

Franklinville
157 W. Main Street
2 Monday
M-Billy Michael Phillips
S-John W. Mackley

Dan River 129 (22)

Madison
110 Decatur Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Michael Gilbert Boyte
S-Stanley L. Allen

Radiance 132 (6)

Snow Hill
Not available
1 & 3 Wednesday
M-Bennie James Heath
S-Robert T. Smith

Mocksville 134 (27)

Mocksville
134 Ridgeview Street
1 Tuesday
M-William Andrew Bowles
S-John R. Phelps

Leaksville 136 (22)

Eden
419 Thompson Street
2 & 4 Monday
2 Monday in December
M-Howard Lee Stultz II
S-Walter F. Reid Jr.

Lincoln 137 (35)

Lincolnton
100 W. Sycamore Street
1 Monday
M-Bradley Eugene Whitley
S-Allen J. Tate

King Solomon 138 (12)

Burgaw
Walker Street
3 Monday
M-Billy June Graves
S-Ronald D. Graves

Mount Vernon 143 (20)

Bonlee
185 Bonlee-Bennett Road
3 Tuesday
M-Aubrey Clyde Watson
S-Alex G. Dunn Jr.

Junaluskee 145 (41)

Franklin
26 Church Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Arlon Edward Eldridge
S-Harvey R. Krape

Cherokee 146 (41)

Murphy
100 Hiawassee Street
1 Monday
M-John Wesley Odom
S-Harry H. Burgess

Palmyra 147 (20)

Dunn
700 Maple Avenue
1 Tuesday
M-Gary Cuthral Hamilton Jr.
S-Clarence E. McLamb Jr.

Adoniram 149 (13)

Cornwall
College Street
1 Tuesday
M-Alexander Gayle Winston
S-Ben J. Neal

Pee Dee 150 (29)

Norwood
116 West Whitley Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-David Wayne Pope
S-Wesley A. Faulkner Jr.

Sanford 151 (20)

Sanford
202 Charlotte Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Glen Robert Rapp
S-Lee R. Goodwin

Scotch Ireland 154 (28)

Cleveland
104 S. Depot Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Ted Maurice Miller
S-Jeffrey Lynn Stiller

White Stone 155 (14)

Wakefield
Not available
2 Wednesday & 4 Saturday
M-William Jenkins Perry
S-Joe D. Medlin Jr.

Knap of Reeds 158 (19)

Bahama
158 Bahama Road
1 & 3 Wednesday
M-Danny Ray Maynard
S-Elmer D. Spence

Yadkin 162 (25)

Yadkinville
Not available
1 & 3 Monday
M-Gordon Keith Myers
S-Roy D. Casstevens

Archer 165 (14)

Zebulon
NC Hwy 96 S.
1 Saturday & 3 Monday
M-James Edward Doan
S-Larry G. Corbett

Winston 167 (26)

Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
2 Monday
M-John Arthur Redding
S-Charles D. Sheets Jr.

Blackmer 170 (39)

Weaverville
70 College Street
2 Tuesday
M-Michael Ray Silver
S-Vann B. Gibbs Jr.

Buffalo 172 (20)

Sanford
602 W. Main Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Charles Franklin Branch
S-Jonathan M. Kelly

Williams 176 (31)

Cornelius
19416 Zion Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Lyman Bonner McLawhon
S-Robert G. McIntosh

Carthage 181 (21)

Carthage
302 Saunders Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Charles Grier Patterson Jr.
S-Karl L. Rathburn

Central Cross 187 (9)

Spring Hope
581 North
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Charlie Lee Vester
S-Larry M. Walker

Balfour 188 (24)

Asheboro
632 Sunset Avenue
1 & 3 Tuesday
3 Monday July & August
M-Addison Leon Davis
S-James I. Chrismon

Fair Bluff 190 (18)

Fair Bluff
Riverside Drive
1 Tuesday
M-Homer Eugene Martin
S-Floyd I. Enzor

Granite 191 (16)

Clayton
621 Bolling Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Jimmy Durant McLaurin Jr.
S-John A. Ferrell

Cary 198 (15)

Cary
1142 East Maynard Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Thomas Crayton Stephenson
S-Carson A. Clippard Jr.

Cleveland 202 (35)

Shelby
1436 E. Marion Street
1 Thursday
M-Stacy Mitchell Kale
S-Bobby D. Smith

Roanoke 203 (8)

Weldon
112 Sycamore Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-John William Riddle Jr.
S-Fred Donal Frazier Jr.

Long Creek 205 (31)

Huntersville
8500 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road
2 Monday
M-Edwin Michael Puckett
S-Chad R. Irons

Mingo 206 (11)

Dunn
Route 5
1 Monday
M-James Shelton Tew
S-James Carlton Williams

Lebanon 207 (18)

Whiteville
114 Pecan Street
1 Tuesday & 3 Thursday
M-Charles Bryan Hickman
S-John J. Norosky

Mount Olive 208 (10)

Mount Olive
Breazeale Avenue
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Emmett Franklin Ballree
S-Larry H. Graham

Eno 210 (19)

Durham
1416 Watts Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-David Hugh Minshall
S-Herbert C. Lyon

Thomasville 214 (27)

Thomasville
720 Salem Street
1 Tuesday
M-Kenneth Wayne Swaim
S-Mark A. Hedrick

Catawba Valley 217 (34)

Morganton
College Street
2 Thursday
M-Ray Nelson Anderson
S-Earl T. Digh Jr.

William G. Hill 218 (14)

Raleigh
1520 Caswell Street
2 Monday
M-Lloyd Richard Chrisawn Jr.
S-Miles C. Davis Jr.

Olin 226 (30)

Olin
590 Olin Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-David Robert Gagnon
S-Franklin E. Templeton

Henderson 229 (13)

Henderson
401 Brodie Street
3 Tuesday
M-Joseph Thomas Briggs Jr.
S-Isaac H. Williamson Jr.

Corinthian 230 (9)

Rocky Mount
1700 Winstead Avenue
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Frederick Freeman Ayers
S-Thaddeus C. High

William T. Bain 231 (15)

Raleigh
9433 Ten Ten Road
1 Monday
M-Carl Leo Speicher
S-Charles L. Walton

Lenoir 233 (10)

La Grange
310 S. Caswell Street
1 Thursday
M-Tony Sylvan Hardy
S-Joseph W. Wilson III

Mystic Tie 237 (34)

Marion
205 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-John Michael Glenn
S-Michael A. Thompson

Wiccacon 240 (5)

Harrellsville
Not available
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Horace Randolph Mizelle
S-Emitt C. Fuller

Grifton 243 (6)

Grifton
108 Gordon Street
1 Wednesday
M-Clifton Edward Adams
S-Billy R. Jackson

Monroe 244 (29)

Monroe
520 E. Franklin Street
1 Thursday
M-Brian Keith Griffin
S-Billy W. Canupp Jr.

Catawba 248 (34)

Newton
22 N. College Avenue
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Ronald Lee Ingram
S-Robert W. Jarrett

Pythagoras 249 (12)

Southport
201 E. Nash Street
3 Tuesday
M-Carl Vinson Gregory
S-John A. Richards

Lee 253 (30)

Taylorsville
108 Second Avenue, SW
2 & 4 Monday
M-Frederick Lee Barkley
S-Charlie D. Killian

Kenly 257 (16)

Kenly
500 W. Second Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Stephen Burton Waddell
S-Thomas R. Jackson Jr.

- Fuquay 258 (15)**
Fuquay-Varina
338 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Marvin Andrew Moore Jr.
S-Horace L. Ausley
- Waynesville 259 (40)**
Waynesville
508 Marshall Street
1 Friday
M-Dwayne Vinson Burress
S-John W. Purvis
- Excelsior 261 (32)**
Charlotte
3900 Litchfield Road
1 Monday; 2 Monday September
M-John William Pope
S-George M. Smith
- Hibriten 262 (34)**
Lenoir
106 N. Main Street
1 Thursday
M-James Bradley Leonhardt
S-Wayne D. Walker
- Gaston 263 (36)**
Dallas
S. College Street
2 Monday
M-Michael Lee McGinnis
S-Bobby G. Whisnant
- Farmington 265 (27)**
Farmington
149 Cemetery Road
2 Monday
M-Robert Wayne Boger
S-James C. Howard
- Dunn's Rock 267 (38)**
Brevard
211 E. Main Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-John Thomas Prescott Jr.
S-Robert A. Hinshaw
- Tabasco 271 (23)**
Gibsonville
207 E. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Joseph Franklin Thomas
S-John R. Smith
- Bingham 272 (22)**
Mebane
307 E. Center Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Kenny Aumont Brown
S-Glenn B. Everett
- Beaver Dam 276 (29)**
Marshville
Corner Hwy 74 E. and E. Main Street
2 Tuesday
M-Ray Lucas Medlin
S-Charles S. Boyce Jr.
- Green Level 277 (15)**
Apex
8427 Green Level Church Road
1 Tuesday
M-Michael Jerome Johnson
S-Michael T. Prince
- Rehoboth 279 (11)**
Rose Hill
Not available
2 Monday
M-Dalton Lane Rouse
S-Corbett L. Quinn
- Wake Forest 282 (14)**
Wake Forest
220 Wait Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-David Earl Davis
S-Horace L. Macon
- Eureka 283 (28)**
China Grove
604 E. Church Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Ronald Gene Riddle
S-Daniel M. Roberts
- Greenville 284 (6)**
Greenville
1104 Charles Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Jesse Earl McLawhon
S-Douglas G. Bostick
- Salem 289 (26)**
Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
1 Tuesday
M-Robert Charles Thornton Jr.
S-Clifford T. Pranke
- French Broad 292 (39)**
Marshall
Main Street
1 Monday
M-Richard Donald Houston
S-William A. Ricker
- Vance 293 (39)**
Weaverville
39 Antioch Church Road
3 Monday
M-Edward Lee Hamlin
S-David R. Stewart
- Atlantic 294 (3)**
Swanquarter
Court House Square
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Darren Keith Sawyer
Armstrong
S-Hal G. Swindell
- Stonewall 296 (5)**
Robersonville
20013 NC 903
1 & 3 Monday
M-Abner Wayne House
S-James R. Carson
- Harmony 299 (30)**
Harmony
143 E. Memorial Hwy
2 Monday
M-William James Hamby
S-William J. Campbell
- Aurora 300 (7)**
Aurora
W. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Gene Autry Williamson Jr.
S-Garland L. Lewis
- Clay 301 (41)**
Hayesville
Sanderson Street
3 Monday
M-George Vernon Webber
S-William G. Burrell
- Lillington 302 (20)**
Lillington
Not available
2 & 4 Monday
M-James Berry Brown Jr.
S-Alfred T. Goodwin
- Pleasant Hill 304 (10)**
Deep Run
4545 Mark N Smith Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Max Alvin Waters
S-Oscar D. Tyndall
- Laurinburg 305 (21)**
Laurinburg
12881 Woodrun Drive
1 & 3 Tuesday
1 Tuesday April & December
M-Richard Joseph Best
S-David L. Allen
- Raeford 306 (21)**
Raeford
900 East Palmer Avenue
2 Tuesday
M-Charles Ronald Wilson
S-Robert E. Vaughn II

New Lebanon 314 (1)
South Mills
449 Crooked Run Road
2 Tuesday
M-Randy Wade Williams
S-W. Frank Wood

Eureka 317 (1)
Elizabeth City
Hughes Blvd.
Every Tuesday
1 Tuesday June-August
M-Charles Robert Meads
S-Julian H. Copeland

Wilmington 319 (12)
Wilmington
2910 College Street
1 Tuesday
M-Hovie Wilkins Pope Jr.
S-Frank G. Hickman

Selma 320 (16)
Selma
405 North Pollock Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Roger William Diegele
S-Gary A. Jones

Granite 322 (25)
Mount Airy
212 Franklin Street
3 Tuesday
M-Marshall Allen Whitt Jr.
S-Stephen C. Gross

Mattamuskeet 328 (3)
Engelhard
Hwy 264 West
2 & 4 Wednesday
M-Hyler Wayne Cox
S-Michael D. Denny

Bayboro 331 (7)
Bayboro
108 Vandemere Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Johnny Wayne Leary
S-Michael L. Rice

Fairview 339 (35)
Kings Mountain
806 Landing Street
2 Monday
M-Brian Todd Scism
S-Billy H. Hawkins

Harmony 340 (10)
Pikeville
108 South Railroad Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-James Everett Jones
S-Elliott R. Futrell

Hickory 343 (34)
Hickory
30 16th Avenue, SE
1 & 3 Monday
M-Michael Dorian Hale
S-Clayton E. Rawn

Numa F. Reid 344 (23)
High Point
443 S. Main Street
2 Monday
M-Larry Ray Wall
S-Donnie R. Pugh

Stanly 348 (29)
Albemarle
230 N. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Michael Lynn Swaringen
S-James A. Burris

Durham 352 (19)
Durham
1811 Palmer Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday June, July, Aug., Dec.
M-Lonny Lee Kylander
S-Cecil R. Lee

Fallston 356 (35)
Fallston
102 Kendrick Street
2 Monday
M-Richard Allen Bailey Jr.
S-John W. Self

Bakersville 357 (37)
Bakersville
Hwy 226 N
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Roger William Ellis
S-Vincent P. Bonaminio

East LaPorte 358 (40)
Cullowhee
Hwy 107
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Ronald Earl Stephens
S-John R. Joachim

Mount Vernon 359 (7)
Oriental
602 Ragan Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Albert Elton Roberts
S-Willard T. Huff

Snow 363 (33)
Boone
240 Temple Drive
1 & 3 Monday
M-Alvin Leonard Hardy
S-John F. Sweitzer

Gastonia 369 (36)
Gastonia
214 South Street
2 Friday
M-James Garland Brown
S-Richard J. Clanton

Ashler 373 (33)
Deep Gap
Hwy 427
2 & 4 Monday
M-Donald Edward Stewart
S-Roy E. Furr

Campbell 374 (30)
Troutman
130 E. Church Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Timothy Allen Jones
S-Joseph H. Brantley

State Line 375 (35)
Grover
115 Mulberry Street
2 Tuesday
M-Curtis Eugene Thrift
S-R. Fain Hambricht

Youngsville 377 (13)
Youngsville
Not available
3 Thursday
M-Harry Michael Griffin
S-Harold A. Strother

Seaboard 378 (5)
Seaboard
301 S. Main Street
1 Monday
M-Robert Price Kerr
S-Reid V. Harris II

Coharie 379 (11)
Salemberg
4175 Honeycutt Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Russell Pascal Jones
S-Tommy W. Tew

Granville 380 (13)
Wake Forest
686 Woodland Church Road
2 Thursday
M-Alexander Milligan
S-Joseph P. Price

Forest City 381 (38)
Forest City
17 Wilkie Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Bryan Hugh Branch
S-Dewey H. Webb

Jefferson Penn 384 (22)

Reidsville
110 N. Main Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Howard Lee Smith III
S-Joseph M. Lackey

Pigeon River 386 (40)

Canton
382 Champion Drive
2 Thursday
M-Billy Eugene Yates
S-Gary D. Teague

Kedron 387 (38)

Hendersonville
229 Fifth Avenue W.
1 & 3 Monday
3 Monday September
M-Blaine Vernon King
S-Charles E. Holcomb

Friendship 388 (35)

Boiling Springs
722 McBrayer Homestead Road
4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Otha Wayne Bridges
S-Bobby D. Willis

Copeland 390 (25)

Dobson
156 Bray Ford Road
2 Thursday
December 27
M-Caleb Brent Wall
S-Harden C. Mooney Jr.

Lebanon 391 (17)

Hope Mills
2222 Golfview Drive
1 Thursday
M-James Warren Ard
S-E. Gerald Halliburton

Orient 395 (12)

Wilmington
1312 Shipyard Blvd.
1 Thursday
M-John William Brooks Jr.
S-Richard J. Bryant II

Bald Creek 397 (37)

Swiss
US Hwy 19E
2 Thursday
M-Mack Levi Whitson
S-William T. Lovins

Joppa 401 (34)

Old Fort
Catawba Avenue
2 & 4 Monday
M-William Howard Mackey
S-Joseph G. Swann Jr.

Siler City 403 (20)

Siler City
114 S. Third Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-John Roy Coltrane
S-William H. Elder

Denton 404 (27)

Denton
Corner S. Main St. and Peacock Ave.
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Stephen Dearmond Philemon Jr.
S-M. Kirby Matthews

Ocean 405 (4)

Morehead City
204 S. 18th Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Donald Ray Mansfield Jr.
S-Ray L. Gray

North Wilkesboro 407 (33)

North Wilkesboro
Temple Street
2 Monday
M-Harvey Andrew Baity
S-Michael D. Royal

University 408 (19)

Chapel Hill
1211 East Franklin Street
3 Monday
M-Joseph Leon Jackson
S-Willard G. Campbell

Bula 409 (22)

Burlington
1307 S. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Norman Lewis Strickland
S-Donald E. Kehler

Bailey 411 (9)

Bailey
6140 Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Harold Flora
S-Horace M. Meacomes Jr.

Henry F. Grainger 412 (13)

Oxford
105 W. College Street
3 Tuesday
M-Robert Lee May
S-William B. Bartholomew

James A. Johnson 413 (13)

Louisburg
Jolly Street & Bickett Blvd.
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Laurent Marie Coq
S-Burt H. Pearson III

Maxton 417 (18)

Maxton
123 S. Florence Street
1 Monday
M-Gary Alton Blue
S-William A. McRae II

Pendleton 418 (5)

Pendleton
Britton Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Carroll Eugene Futrell
S-Dennis L. Babb

Harmon 420 (25)

Yadkinville
Ray T. Moore Road
3 Thursday
M-Michael Arthur Spillman
S-James W. Jones Jr.

Sparta 423 (33)

Sparta
125 E. Doughton
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Stewart Lee Smith
S-Robert M. Haas

Montgomery 426 (41)

Ranger
180 Wingate Road
1 Tuesday
M-Irvin Ronald Nehr
S-Arthur West

Oconee 427 (40)

Bryson City
Clifton Avenue
1 & 3 Monday
M-Gene Curtis Evans Jr.
S-Roy O. Stiles Jr.

Stokesdale 428 (23)

Stokesdale
8420 Ellisboro Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Theodore Oran Wright Jr.
S-Ray M. Comer

Seaside 429 (4)

Swansboro
72 Old Hammocks Road
2 & 4 Monday
M-Charles Edward Holland
S-James R. Shingleton

Relief 431 (16)

Benson
S. Lee Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Kevin Donald Hardison
S-Timothy Raynor

Piney Creek 432 (33)

Piney Creek
Not available
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-David Malcolm Harris
S-David C. Carpenter

Vanceboro 433 (7)

Vanceboro
630 Farm Life Avenue
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-James Lamar Downs
S-Milton R. Wiggins

West Bend 434 (26)

Lewisville
6305 Shallowford Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Robert Lee Williard
S-Clarence O. Huie

Blue Ridge 435 (41)

Highlands
Not available
3 Thursday
M-Eddie Clifton Henry
S-Clemmie L. Henry

Biscoe 437 (24)

Biscoe
5815 Old Troy Road
2 & Last Friday
M-Jimmy Marvin Harris I
S-Donnie R. Bostick

Marble Springs 439 (41)

Marble
Not available
2 Tuesday
M-Mitchell Bruce Arrowood
S-Bobby R. Welch

Marietta 444 (24)

Ramseur
735 Liberty Street
2 Friday
M-James Reiso Pickeral Jr.
S-Wallace E. Jarrell

Biltmore 446 (39)

Asheville
St. Paul & Summit Street
Every Tuesday
M-Thomas Alfred Jones
S-James K. Britton

Enfield 447 (8)

Enfield
137 Railroad Street, SE
1 & 3 Monday
M-James David Mears
S-Julius G. Woody Jr.

Clyde 453 (40)

Clyde
69 Main Street
2 Tuesday
M-Burrell Joe Clark
S-John R. Terrell

Elkin 454 (25)

Elkin
121 Quailtree Lane State Road
2 Tuesday
M-William Clarence Hooker
S-Edward R. Snyder III

Dillsboro 459 (40)

Sylva
223 Wilkes Crescent Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Gary Max Todt
S-James S. Mason Jr.

Cliffside 460 (38)

Cliffside
Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Robert Rodney Summey
S-Ransome H. Epley Jr.

Matthews 461 (32)

Matthews
184 S. Trade Street
2 Thursday
M-Franklin Edward Hinson Jr.
S-Edward M. Noles

South Fork 462 (36)

Cramerton
142 Eighth Avenue
2 Tuesday
M-Johnny Cameron Carpenter
S-Billy R. Eckard

Currituck 463 (1)

Coinjock
Not available
2 Monday
M-William Francis Pugh
S-Jerry T. Dowdy

Grassy Knob 471 (30)

Union Grove
2772 West Memorial Hwy (NC 901)
4 Friday
M-Jeffrey Clate Mash
S-David R. Millsaps

Sonoma 472 (40)

Canton
62 Birdsong Trail
1 Thursday
M-Jerry David Hoglen
S-Hugh K. Terrell Jr.

Lexington 473 (27)

Lexington
200 S. State Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-George Brian Hunt
S-Marshall N. Goss Jr.

St. Pauls 474 (18)

St. Pauls
314 N. Fifth Street
1 Tuesday
M-James Delvin Herring
S-Anderson H. Jackson

Grimesland 475 (6)

Grimesland
7525 Pitt Street (Hwy 33)
1 Tuesday
M-Randall Spain
S-Weldon E. McLawhorn Jr.

Rainbow 479 (7)

Arapahoe
8006 NC 306S
1 & 3 Monday
M-Joe Douglas Wilson
S-Stanley L. Botway

Saluda 482 (38)

Saluda
Ozone Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Jamie Allen Thompson
S-Harold B. Phillips

Traphill 483 (33)

Traphill
Austin Benham Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-James Michael Keeper
S-J. Michael May

Southern Pines 484 (21)

Southern Pines
40 Oak Hills Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Keith Gregory Bennett
S-Louis B. Creveling

Lawndale 486 (35)

Lawndale
Piedmont Drive
2 Thursday
M-James Phillip Peeler
S-Douglas A. Beaver

Rich Square 488 (5)

Rich Square
306 E. Jackson Street
2 Thursday
M-William Franklin Parker
S-Arthur L. Horton

Linville 489 (37)

Newland
Not available
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Howard Ray Smith
S-Tommy L. Singleton

Hominy 491 (39)

Candler
Not available
2 Tuesday
M-Danny Wilb Netherton
S-David C. Clontz

Thomas M. Holt 492 (22)

Graham
Johnson Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Richard Darrell Mann
S-Harvey T. Hogan Jr.

Pilot 493 (25)

Pilot Mountain
689 Key Street
2 Monday
M-Dyrk Dean Garrison
S-Paul W. Shelton Jr.

Rockingham 495 (21)

Rockingham
1107 Fayetteville Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Donald Raye Denney
S-Douglas H. Smith

Mooresville 496 (30)

Mooresville
Institute Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Lance Baxter Hegler
S-Paul E. Cook

Royal Hart 497 (8)

Littleton
US 158 W., McPherson Complex
2 & 4 Monday
M-Roy Delbridge Spain
S-John J. Peedin

Ayden 498 (6)

Ayden
East Third Street
3 Tuesday
M-James Edward Jenkins
S-Delano R. Wilson

Creedmoor 499 (13)

Creedmoor
Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Charles Leonard Phipps Jr.
S-William D. Averre

Raleigh 500 (14)

Raleigh
1520 Caswell Street
3 Tuesday
M-Michael Wiley Brantley
S-Gene B. Jordan

Red Springs 501 (18)

Red Springs
301 Peachtree Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-David Elwyn Lovette Jr.
S-Roger L. Hamm

Cookville 502 (34)

Vale
7485 Hwy 10
1 Tuesday
M-John Nathan Leatherman
S-Pinkney E. Hull

Cherryville 505 (36)

Cherryville
S. Mulberry Street
1 Monday
M-Hugh Marcus Moss III
S-U. Jerome Barrett

Belhaven 509 (3)

Belhaven
East Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Oran Martin Benson Jr.
S-Bryan K. Davis

Whetstone 515 (36)

Bessemer City
W. Penn Avenue
4 Tuesday
3 Tuesday December
M-Charles Harold Lovelace
S-Timothy M. Farris

Farmville 517 (6)

Farmville
103 Grimmersberg Street
2 & 4 Thursday
1 Thursday Nov. & Dec.
M-Johnny O'Neal Moore
S-William E. Wooten

Widow's Son 519 (8)

Roanoke Rapids
Roanoke Ave. & 3rd Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Larry David Moseley
S-Jerry L. Moseley

Fairfield 520 (3)

Fairfield
7760 Piney Woods Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Vincent Blair Berry
S-Lonnie L. Farmer Jr.

Manteo 521 (2)

Manteo
101 Hwy 64/264
2 & 4 Monday
M-Roy Christopher McCarter III
S-Russell Alan Lay

Rodgers 525 (9)

Middlesex
Not available
3 Monday
M-Darryl Ray Davis
S-Jimmy H. Brantley

Lucama 527 (16)

Lucama
US 301 South
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Christopher Alonzo Bass
S-Emory P. Honeycutt

Fairmont 528 (18)

Fairmont
709 Gertrude Street
3 Monday
M-Gaston Alexander Floyd Jr.
S-Mickey D. Williamson

Andrews 529 (41)

Andrews
56 Locust Road
1 Monday
M-Larry Dale Bryant
S-Michael D. Waters

Joppa 530 (31)

Charlotte
426 N. Sharon Amity
1 Friday
M-Howard Kent Schevlin
S-Peter J. Underhill

Hamlet 532 (21)

Hamlet
307 Main Street
2 & 4 Thursday
2 Thursday Nov. & Dec.
M-John Reid Hamrick
S-William P. Horne Jr.

Camp Call 534 (35)

Shelby
3801 Polkville Road
3 Monday
M-James Douglas Glover
S-Thomas E. Covington

Hollis 535 (38)

Hollis
450 W. E. Padgett Road
2 Thursday
M-Stephen Lynn Walker
S-Danny F. Wells

Corinthian 542 (23)
Greensboro
426 W. Market Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Benjamin Vance Sauls
S-Hugh L. McLaurin III

Spencer 543 (28)
Spencer
114 Fourth Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Martin Terry Trexler
S-Junius E. Corriher

Mount Holly 544 (36)
Mount Holly
302 W. Charlotte Avenue
1 & 3 Monday
M-Cody Todd Williams
S-Otha E. Perry III

Roman Eagle 550 (21)
Aberdeen
11611 US 15-501
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Cecil Thomas Brewer
S-William K. Styers

Glenville 551 (40)
Glenville
4625 Hwy 107
2 Tuesday
M-Broward Paul Davis
S-Curley M. Potts

Revolution 552 (23)
Greensboro
802 16th Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Lewis Daniel Tysor
S-Jerry R. Fields

Vesper 554 (37)
Spruce Pine
637 Oak Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Toby Anthony Crowder
S-Lloyd Hise Jr.

Elise 555 (21)
Robbins
470 Hwy 705 S
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Roger Dale Lemonds
S-Raymond L. Vaughn Jr.

Neill S. Stewart 556 (20)
Erwin
Masonic Drive
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Robert Alden Wilson Jr.
S-Phillip B. Turlington

Ararat 558 (25)
Ararat
Ararat Road
2 Friday
M-Douglas Kornell Hooker
S-Roger E. Reeves Jr.

Swannanoa 561 (39)
Swannanoa
Whitson Avenue
1 Thursday
M-Craig Denver Beasley
S-David L. Perkins

Waxhaw 562 (29)
Waxhaw
N.W. Main Street
1 Tuesday
M-William Jefferson Blythe
S-Richard E. Shields Jr.

Tabor 563 (18)
Tabor City
600 E. Fifth Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Michael LaRue Norris
S-Herman W. Stevens

Richlands 564 (4)
Richlands
126 Huffman Town Road
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Ernest Benjamin Hall
S-Robert E. Keene

Wendell 565 (14)
Wendell
27 N. Main Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Richard Wesley Devore
S-John McClelland Jr.

Doric 568 (7)
New Bern
2100 S. Glenburnie Avenue
2 & 4 Friday
M-George William Linquist Jr.
S-Mark J. Dunham

Snow Creek 571 (30)
Statesville
558 Dobson Farm Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Donald William Miller
S-James A. Dobson Jr.

Mount Pleasant 573 (33)
Wilkesboro
206 Champion-Mt. Pleasant
Road
2 Thursday
M-Thomas Dale Livingston
S-James A. Cashman

Andrew Jackson 576 (28)
Salisbury
401 N. Fulton Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Preston Bryan Askew Sr.
S-Robert D. Sims

Meadow Branch 578 (29)
Wingate
211 S. Stewart Street
3 Tuesday
M-Richard Carlton Williams
S-Bobby W. Ford

Casar 579 (35)
Casar
5801 Casar Road
1 Thursday
M-Billy Joe Downs
S-Kenneth R. Beam

Ionic 583 (7)
Cove City
N. Main Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Franklin Wayne White
S-Benjamin F. Grady Jr.

Apex 584 (15)
Apex
408 E. Williams Street
2 Monday
M-Joseph Beauregard Hartley
Jr.
S-James L. Dority

Roseboro 585 (11)
Roseboro
306 NE Railroad Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Clarence Lee Odum
S-Percy G. Hall

Bethel 589 (6)
Bethel
108 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Harold Todd Bullock
S-James W. Futrell

Lowell 590 (36)
Lowell
122 N. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
3 Tuesday July
M-James Twain Simmons
S-Paul Walters Jr.

Maiden 592 (34)
Maiden
18 W. Main Street
2 Monday
M-David Layne Early
S-Bobby E. Sherrill

Stony Point 593 (30)

Stony Point
Ruritan Park Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-James David Allen
S-Jerry L. Durmire

Ashe 594 (33)

West Jefferson
104 S. Third Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Ricky Boyd Eldreth
S-Edward D. Paisley

Wallace 595 (11)

Wallace
407 South Norwood Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Johnnie Jefferson Murray Jr.
S-William H. Browder

Waccamaw 596 (12)

Riegelwood
Hwy 87
2 & 4 Monday
M-Robert Edward Duncan
S-Jerry A. Caines

Cranberry 598 (37)

Elk Park
195 Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-James Berton Garland Jr.
S-Steve W. Gouge

Queen City 602 (9)

Rocky Mount
1700 S. Winstead Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Robert Sidney Flowers
S-James R. Thompson III

Jeff L. Nelson 605 (38)

Tryon
Freedom Hill Road
4 Monday
M-James David Chatman
S-Kirtland Flynn Jr.

Riverside 606 (34)

Catawba
102 N. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Robert Shannon Woodlief
S-Jacob R. Abernathy Jr.

Chadbourne 607 (18)

Chadbourne
Strawberry Blvd.
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Gerald Scott McDaniel
S-George W. Baysden Jr.

Zebulon 609 (14)

Zebulon
111 E. Horton Street
1 Tuesday
M-Bryan Lee Pulley
S-Barna O. Wilder

Atkinson 612 (12)

Atkinson
Main Street
4 Monday
M-Allan Faison Squires
S-Alfred G. Arnett

Home 613 (10)

Fremont
Goldsboro Street
2 Monday
M-Steven Thomas Evans
S-William D. Flowers

Round Peak 616 (25)

Mt. Airy
1365 Old Lowgap Road
1 Friday
M-Timothy Ray Hamlin
S-Donald G. Underwood

St. Patrick's 617 (16)

Princeton
Not available
1 & 3 Wednesday
M-Charles Wynn Anderson
S-Sidney A. Wellons III

Union 618 (28)

Midland
12105 Highway 601
2 Monday
M-Jimmy Kevin Greene
S-Darrell E. Cline

John H. Mills 624 (13)

Epsom
Highway 39
2 & 4 Thursday
M-John Wayne Stegall
S-Jerry L. Stegall

Cannon Memorial 626 (28)

Kannapolis
704 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Patrick Leon Teal
S-Kenneth L. Davis Sr.

Belmont 627 (36)

Belmont
201 South Main Street
2 Monday
M-Johnny Eugene Wilson
S-Larry E. Watts

Walnut Cove 629 (25)

Walnut Cove
810 Summit Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-David Andrew Kibler
S-Spencer R. Ashby

Francis S. Packard 630 (8)

Norlina
Oine Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-James Macon Myrick
S-Reynolds T. Perkinson

Goldsboro 634 (10)

Goldsboro
1002 North Berkley Boulevard
2 & 4 Monday
M-Winford Hamilton Dillard
S-Bradley W. Carmichael

Yadkin Falls 637 (29)

Badin
34 Falls Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Ernie Melvin McSwain
S-Wayne R. Rummage

Proctorville 643 (18)

Proctorville
Main & Pine Street
2 Monday
M-Terry Allen Britt
S-Kester Keith Walters

Bladen 646 (17)

Elizabethtown
Cypress Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Job Richard Connor
S-Horace R. Wyatt

Nichols-West Asheville 650 (39)

Asheville
80 Broadway
3 Monday
M-Elbert Jerry Yates
S-Marcus W. Arrowood Jr.

Elberta 654 (21)

West End
Hwy 73
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Robert Gustav Danielson
S-Kenneth E. Lewis

Guilford 656 (23)

Greensboro
426 W. Market Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Firman Brooks Lindsay Jr.
S-Scott F. Fancett

Keller Memorial 657 (28)

Rockwell
Not available
2 & 4 Monday
M-Charles Shay Fry IV
S-Robert C. Peeler

Beulaville 658 (11)

Beulaville
506 West Bostic Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Jerry Rogers Kennedy
S-Douglas A. Turner

Black Mountain 663 (39)

Black Mountain
105 Rock Church Street
1 Monday
M-James Weaver Buchanan
S-Carl R. Patton

Garland 664 (11)

Garland
471 S. Ingold Avenue
4 Monday
M-Charles Taylor Cashwell
S-Terry J. Williams

Fort Bragg 667 (17)

Spring Lake
411 Hwy 210 N.
1 Tuesday
M-Kai Jackson Vannoy
S-James R. Nicholson

Holland Memorial 668 (36)

Gastonia
South Street
2 Thursday
M-James Preston Aaron
S-John W. Waldrop Jr.

Kernersville 669 (26)

Kernersville
700 S. Main Street
1 Monday
M-Timothy Milton Gallimore
S-Stewart C. Hodges

Lovelady 670 (34)

Valdese
E. Main Street
2 Monday
M-Charles Richard Watson
S-George W. Vessell

Robbinsville 672 (41)

Robbinsville
Church Street
2 Tuesday
M-Jack Alvin Long
S-Jessie B. Aldridge

Spindale 673 (38)

Spindale
101 Davis Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Mark Steven Houser
S-Jack L. Conner

Acacia 674 (23)

High Point
443 S. Main Street
1 Thursday
M-Lewis Erwin Williams II
S-George B. Hughey

Washington 675 (3)

Washington
111 E. Fifth Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Howard Clayton Modlin Jr.
S-Frederick M. Mallison Jr.

Temple 676 (32)

Charlotte
4740 Randolph Road
1 Thursday
M-David Marvin Hackney
S-Charles L. Davidson

Warsaw 677 (11)

Warsaw
601 E. College Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Bizzell Johnson David
S-Luther C. Jones Jr.

Providence 678 (3)

Columbia
US 64 W
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Jon Wayne Barnes
S-Albert Ryder

Creasy Proctor 679 (17)

Fayetteville
2860 Village Drive
2 Tuesday
M-Michael Thomas Klack
S-E. Faison Williams Jr.

Semper Fidelis 680 (4)

Jacksonville
727 Henderson Drive
2 & 4 Wednesday
M-David Lee McLaurin Jr.
S-Russell P. Somdahl

Piedmont 681 (23)

High Point
443 S. Main Street
3 Tuesday
M-Robert Lee Dills
S-Woodroe F. Haywood

Rolesville 683 (14)

Rolesville
Pulley Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Jerry Edward Rose
S-Raymond L. Novak

Pioneer 685 (26)

Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
2 Tuesday
M-Donald Stenson Gaither
S-Frank L. Collins

Angier 686 (20)

Angier
Hwy 55 South
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Resson Oliver Faircloth II
S-Donald A. Bennett

Fellowship 687 (19)

Durham
Watts Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Leroy Felts Rigsbee
S-Horace H. Lane

Cherry Point 688 (7)

Havelock
110 Oakwood Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Hazzie Burton Williams
S-Deamous K. Lewis

Scotland Neck 689 (8)

Scotland Neck
Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Kenneth Hill Branch
S-Gene W. Todd

Mount Moriah 690 (30)

Statesville
302 E. Front Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Ricky Lee Rhyne
S-Ralph M. Sisk

Renfro 691 (25)

Mount Airy
212 Franklin Street
3 Monday
M-Mark Rodney King
S-James E. Wagoner

East Gate 692 (31)

Charlotte
426 N. Sharon Amity Road
1 Monday
M-Robert Harvey Kissiah
S-Clyde E. Bridges

Charles M. Setzer 693 (32)

Charlotte
4301 Stacy Boulevard
3 Monday
1 & 3 Monday December
M-Theophilus Hunter Hill Jr.
S-Harold A. Kessler

Gate City 694 (23)

Greensboro
426 West Market Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Danny Brinton Cox
S-Gary R. Ballance

Allen-Graham 695 (28)

Kannapolis
702 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-James Roy Roberts
S-Randy C. Crainshaw

Memorial 696 (27)

Lexington
468 Central Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Cromer Lee Beck
S-Douglas T. Sink

Butner 697 (13)

Butner
Not available
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Cecil Irvin Hudgins
S-John L. Bryant

Cape Hatteras 698 (2)

Buxton
Hwy 12, 1 mile south of Lighthouse
2 & 4 Monday
M-Desmond Roderic Foster Jr.
S-Douglas E. Dorris Jr.

Asheboro 699 (24)

Asheboro
325 Sunset Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Larry Thomas Luck Jr.
S-Hal W. Hodgins

Garner 701 (15)

Garner
406 E. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-George Richard Marcom
S-John F. Tawney

St. Andrew 702 (31)

Charlotte
4630 Tuckaseegee Road
1 Wednesday
M-Roger Lowery
S-John D. Lowery

Albemarle 703 (29)

Albemarle
230 N. First Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-David Ashley Hunt
S-Dewey R. Corriher

King Solomon 704 (36)

Gastonia
214 South Street
2 Tuesday
M-Charles William Morrison
S-Victor A. Willis

Richard Caswell 705 (10)

Kinston
805 Greenbriar Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Barry Eugene Seay
S-Ray H. Early Jr.

Newport 706 (4)

Newport
235 Howard Blvd.
2 & 4 Monday
M-Jerry Lee Bennett
S-Wray A. Thomas

Forsyth 707 (26)

Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
2 Tuesday
M-Mickey Lee Stone
S-Claude T. Chadwick Jr.

Crown Point 708 (6)

Greenville
1104 Charles Street
2 & 4 Thursday
2 Thursday December
M-Edwin Williams Congleton
S-Roy S. Selby

Conover 709 (34)

Conover
123 First Avenue
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Joel Eric Eckard
S-Fred L. Sherrill Jr.

Advance 710 (27)

Advance
NC Highway 801S
2 Tuesday
M-Joseph Russell Suggs Jr.
S-Robert U. Blakeley

Piedmont 711 (26)

Winston-Salem
907 Mayford Drive
1 Thursday
M-Jesse Tony Owens
S-Eugene H. Durham

Wilson 712 (16)

Wilson
2501 West Nash Street
4 Tuesday
M-Phillip Terry Capps
S-Donald R. Tomlinson

Stanley 713 (36)

Stanley
Morris Farm Road
3 Monday
M-Darrell Wayne Wyatt
S-William T. Cope

Liberty 714 (24)

Liberty
135 North Asheboro Street
1 Thursday
M-Cary Allen McMasters
S-Roger L. Euliss

Derita 715 (31)

Charlotte
6300 Rumble Road
1 Friday
M-Ronald Mason Smith
S-Allen W. Scott

Burnsville 717 (37)

Burnsville
Robertson Street
3 Thursday
M-Phillip Mack Hughes
S-Jerry K. Laws

Troy 718 (24)

Troy
Eldorado Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Elbert Jean Phillips Jr.
S-Daniel L. Morris

Horse Creek 719 (38)

Columbus
Court House Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Orbie Joe Cates
S-Morris K. Ruff

Cabarrus 720 (28)

Concord
51 Brumley Avenue
1 Thursday
M-Johnny Carroll Furr
S-Robert R. Stallings

Burlington 721 (22)

Burlington
1307 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
1 Tuesday December
M-Tony Frizzelle
S-Dale A. Partee

King 722 (26)
King
7850 Masonic Drive
3 Thursday
M-James Franklin Christian Jr.
S-Alva S. Mallard

Winton 723 (5)
Winton
201 Brickell Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Richard Melton Harrell
S-Harry B. Ward

Berne 724 (7)
New Bern
516 Hancock Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Jimmy Carroll Glisson
S-Paul W. Harrison Jr.

Graham 725 (7)
Township No. 7 New Bern
1307 Old Cherry Point Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Edward Alan Carroll
S-George E. Herring

Keystone 726 (32)
Charlotte
184 S. Trade Street
2 Wednesday
M-James Russell Dickinson
S-Joseph Marion Griffin

Shallotte 727 (12)
Shallotte
5072 Main Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-William Henry Jackson
S-Douglas L. Causey

Twin County 729 (9)
Rocky Mount
1700 S. Winstead Avenue
2 & 4 Monday
M-Patrick Kevin McKirahan
S-Daniel W. Howell

Stedman 730 (17)
Stedman
Carol Street
1 Monday
M-Robert Wilson Copeland Jr.
S-James Hay

John Huske Anderson 731 (17)
Fayetteville
2860 Village Drive
2 Wednesday
M-James Bert Thomas
S-Theodore R. Brinson Jr.

Bush Hill 732 (24)
Archdale
300 Goodman Street
2 Tuesday
M-James Austin Stone
S-Gerald W. Underwood Jr.

Stump Sound 733 (4)
Sneads Ferry
Charles Creek Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Ronald Andrew Yopp
S-Michael F. McGrath

William Pitt 734 (6)
Greenville
1104 Charles Street
1 & 3 Wednesday
M-James Carlton Wynne
S-Lloyd F. Foley

James B. Green 735 (14)
Raleigh
512 Lynn Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Robert John Downen
S-Ronald C. Hollamon

New River 736 (4)
Jacksonville
Old Hwy 30
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Richard William Fiorvanti
S-James H. Kirtner Jr.

Steele Creek 737 (32)
Charlotte
9424 Steele Creek Road
1 Monday
M-Thomas Ray Moxley
S-J. Clifford Austin Jr.

West Gate 738 (31)
Charlotte
5924 Brookshire Blvd.
3 Monday
M-Donald Eugene Morrison
S-John R. Litaker

Newell 739 (31)
Newell
1409 Rocky River Road W
1 Monday
2 Monday September
M-Robert Carl Kistler
S-Charles R. Smith Jr.

Charles B. Newcomb 740 (15)
Raleigh
5700 Tryon Road
3 Thursday
M-Stewart Wayne Pittman
S-Donald N. Chesson

Crissie Wright 741 (4)
Smyrna
500 Hwy 70 E
2 & 4 Wednesday
M-Arnold Lee Wade
S-Ralph N. Daniels

Mint Hill 742 (32)
Mint Hill
10224 Lawyers Road
1 Thursday
M-Kenneth Percy Carriker
S-Weldon R. Needham

J. J. Crowder 743 (14)
Raleigh
9920 Falls of Neuse Road
1 Thursday
M-William Samuel Hayes
S-Charles W. Howell Jr.

Shelby 744 (35)
Shelby
220 E. Warren Street
1 Monday
M-Donald Rupert Morgan
S-Donald W. Loftis

Vandora 745 (15)
Garner
Hwy 50
1 Thursday
M-Steve Harold Langdon
S-W. Douglas Gamber

P. P. Turner 746 (23)
Greensboro
3408 Londonderry Drive
1 Thursday
M-James Daniel Church
S-Kurt M. Van Tine

Ocracoke 747 (2)
Ocracoke
Not Available
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Robert Raymond Despo
S-Michael T. Lawson

Truth 749 (29)
Monroe
520 E. Franklin Street
2 Monday
M-Edway Gray Melito
S-Jerry L. Honeycutt

Oak Grove 750 (19)
Durham
Not Available
3 Monday
M-Graham Franklin Fulcher
S-Walter R. Allen

Old Town 751 (26)

Winston-Salem
5112 N. Causeway Drive
3 Tuesday
M-Douglas Arthur Bristow
S-Scott T. Horn

Enterprise 752 (27)

Arcadia
Hwy 150 N
2 Monday
M-Richard Eugene Hartman Jr.
S-Thomas W. Allen Jr.

Federal Point 753 (12)

Carolina Beach
Fifth & Harper
4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Michael Edward Moore
S-Dennis L. Jackson

Masters 754 (15)

Raleigh
1520 Caswell Street
3 Thursday
M-Donald Lee Tew
S-Adrian P. Hatfield

Clemmons 755 (26)

Clemmons
6210 Stadium Drive
1 Monday
M-Brent Jackson Higgins
S-Alan R. Burke

Clifford Duel 756 (17)

Fayetteville
2860 Village Drive
3 Monday
1 Monday December
M-Joel Edwin Harris Jr.
S-Marvin F. Asbill

Denver 757 (35)

Denver
3333 St. James Church Road
3 Tuesday
1 Tuesday December
M-Michael Earl Yates
S-James R. Barnes

Oak Island 758 (12)

Long Beach
2408 E. Oak Island Drive
3 Thursday
M-Harold Rothwell Hoy Jr.
S-Josh R. Brinkley

James K. Polk 759 (32)

Pineville
204 Dover Street
2 Thursday
M-Randolph Scott Richardson
S-French Bardin Harvey

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**North Carolina Lodges
Listed Numerically**

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Restored	Expelled	Suspended UMC	Excluded NPD	Demitted	Died	Membership 2001	Membership 2002	Increase (Decrease)	Rejected	Exempt Members	Fees	Dues	Affiliation Fees
St. John's	1	9	6	6	1	4	0	0	6	5	22	432	410	-22	0	35	100.00	45.00	0.00
Royal White Hart	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	61	0	0	7	50.00	40.00	0.00
St. John's	3	8	8	8	1	2	0	0	3	0	10	287	285	-2	0	19	75.00	35.00	30.00
St.John's	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	157	144	-13	0	21	100.00	60.00	0.00
Charity	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	66	-1	0	11	50.00	30.00	50.00
Unanimity	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	5	114	105	-9	0	7	75.00	35.00	10.00
Phoenix	8	20	17	18	5	2	0	0	0	4	10	400	411	11	0	34	100.00	35.00	5.00
Johnston-Caswell	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	44	41	-3	0	1	75.00	50.00	0.00
Caswell Brotherhood	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	106	104	-2	0	2	0.00	45.00	0.00
St. John's	13	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	70	71	1	0	11	100.00	100.00	0.00
American George	17	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	74	-1	0	14	60.00	50.00	0.00
Eagle	19	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	142	141	-1	1	12	75.00	60.00	0.00
Statesville	27	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	166	165	-1	0	9	100.00	65.00	0.00
Phalanx	31	3	5	8	3	0	0	0	2	2	5	204	206	2	0	32	100.00	50.00	0.00
Stokes	32	4	2	2	1	3	0	0	5	0	6	246	241	-5	0	23	75.00	50.00	0.00
Davie	39	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	6	152	146	-6	0	19	100.00	35.00	0.00
Hiram	40	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	11	320	307	-13	0	36	75.00	60.00	25.00
Liberty	45	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	119	112	-7	0	10	100.00	50.00	0.00
Hall	53	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	108	109	1	0	14	100.00	60.00	0.00
Concord	58	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	117	113	-4	0	11	100.00	60.00	0.00
Perseverance	59	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	6	141	133	-8	0	16	50.00	60.00	0.00
Kilwinning	64	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	168	162	-6	0	6	100.00	40.00	0.00
Widow's Son	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76	74	-2	0	16	100.00	60.00	10.00
Greensboro	76	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	5	0	14	211	196	-15	0	42	100.00	40.00	0.00
Zion	81	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	109	102	-7	0	6	100.00	50.00	15.00
LaFayette	83	3	3	3	1	3	0	0	6	0	6	249	244	-5	0	19	100.00	50.00	0.00
Fellowship	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	143	137	-6	0	12	100.00	75.00	20.00
Morning Star	85	11	10	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	103	110	7	1	9	50.00	40.00	10.00
Shewarkee	90	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	118	113	-5	0	7	75.00	60.00	0.00
Western Star	91	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	85	86	1	0	8	100.00	50.00	100.00
Joseph Warren	92	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	54	54	0	0	8	100.00	33.00	25.00

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Jerusalem	95	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	42	40	-2	0	4	50.00	50.00	0.00
Millbrook	97	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	193	186	-7	0	10	75.00	50.00	0.00
Hiram	98	5	2	2	1	3	0	0	29	1	4	192	164	-28	0	10	100.00	50.00	0.00
Fulton	99	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	6	182	171	-11	0	19	75.00	50.00	0.00
Columbus	102	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	79	77	-2	0	7	100.00	50.00	0.00
Orr	104	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	2	158	153	-5	0	10	50.00	65.00	25.00
Perquimans	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	119	115	-4	3	16	99.00	25.00	15.00
Franklin	109	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	270	266	-4	0	44	100.00	50.00	10.00
Wayne	112	4	4	4	0	3	0	0	5	0	14	272	260	-12	0	33	125.00	45.00	0.00
Person	113	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	97	95	-2	0	16	100.00	75.00	0.00
St. Alban's	114	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	253	248	-5	0	23	100.00	50.00	0.00
Holly Springs	115	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	35	0	0	0	100.00	50.00	0.00
Mount Lebanon	117	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	2	4	146	141	-5	0	13	100.00	62.00	2.50
Mt Hermon	118	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	211	207	-4	0	28	85.00	50.00	5.00
Oxford	122	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	6	198	192	-6	0	10	150.00	62.00	0.00
Franklinton	123	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	88	89	1	0	6	90.00	50.00	0.00
Mill Creek	125	5	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	107	107	0	0	11	100.00	60.00	25.00
Gatesville	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	93	86	-7	0	10	50.00	40.00	10.00
Blackmer	127	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	124	121	-3	0	6	100.00	50.00	0.00
Hank's	128	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	61	0	0	3	100.00	50.00	0.00
Dan River	129	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	4	127	122	-5	0	16	100.00	50.00	0.00
Radiance	132	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	67	65	-2	0	4	100.00	65.00	0.00
Mocksville	134	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	125	122	-3	0	13	100.00	50.00	0.00
Leaksville	136	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	10	2	2	184	175	-9	0	6	125.00	65.00	10.00
Lincoln	137	6	6	6	5	0	0	0	3	0	6	239	241	2	1	16	100.00	30.00	0.00
King Solomon	138	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	100	99	-1	1	13	150.00	75.00	0.00
Mount Vernon	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	49	-2	0	8	75.00	50.00	0.00
Junaluskee	145	6	5	8	2	1	0	0	8	2	6	240	235	-5	0	39	150.00	65.00	35.00
Cherokee	146	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	126	123	-3	0	8	80.00	50.00	0.00
Palmyra	147	5	7	7	2	1	0	0	2	0	6	267	269	2	0	23	100.00	50.00	35.00
Adoniram	149	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	30	29	-1	0	1	75.00	35.00	0.00

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Pee Dee	150	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	61	58	-3	0	5	75.00	60.00	0.00
Sanford	151	7	5	6	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	134	141	7	0	14	100.00	50.00	0.00
Scotch Ireland	154	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	95	91	-4	1	9	100.00	50.00	0.00
White Stone	155	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	110	109	-1	0	16	75.00	75.00	0.00
Knap of Reeds	158	5	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	147	148	1	0	5	100.00	50.00	10.00
Yadkin	162	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	145	141	-4	0	11	100.00	50.00	0.00
Archer	165	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	31	2	0	3	100.00	40.00	0.00
Winston	167	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	155	146	-9	0	21	150.00	50.00	0.00
Blackmer	170	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	119	113	-6	0	10	100.00	0.00	35.00
Buffalo	172	2	1	1	3	5	0	0	7	0	5	153	150	-3	0	14	50.00	0.00	50.00
Williams	176	5	5	6	3	3	0	0	11	0	3	153	151	-2	1	6	100.00	40.00	5.00
Carthage	181	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	63	62	-1	0	2	100.00	40.00	0.00
Central Cross	187	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	73	64	-9	0	7	50.00	50.00	0.00
Balfour	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	99	95	-4	0	13	75.00	40.00	5.00
Fair Bluff	190	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	32	33	1	0	4	75.00	50.00	0.00
Granite	191	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	81	76	-5	0	6	100.00	80.00	0.00
Cary	198	9	5	4	3	0	0	0	3	2	5	250	247	-3	0	26	75.00	50.00	5.00
Cleveland	202	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	7	302	294	-8	1	30	75.00	50.00	5.00
Roanoke	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	33	-1	0	4	0.00	40.00	0.00
Long Creek	205	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	7	304	293	-11	0	14	100.00	60.00	0.00
Mingo	206	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	129	127	-2	0	9	50.00	50.00	50.00
Lebanon	207	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	127	129	2	0	7	100.00	50.00	0.00
Mount Olive	208	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	152	150	-2	2	18	75.00	50.00	0.00
Eno	210	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	164	157	-7	0	26	100.00	35.00	10.00
Thomasville	214	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	211	206	-5	0	26	150.00	50.00	25.00
Catawba Valley	217	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	4	2	5	271	265	-6	4	16	125.00	55.00	25.00
William G. Hill	218	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	9	234	217	-17	0	44	75.00	50.00	75.00
Olin	226	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	48	49	1	0	4	100.00	50.00	0.00
Henderson	229	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	139	137	-2	0	17	100.00	60.00	10.00
Corinthian	230	8	5	5	3	3	0	0	3	0	12	308	304	-4	2	14	50.00	50.00	3.00
William T. Bain	231	3	4	4	2	0	0	0	7	0	1	91	89	-2	0	3	75.00	100.00	10.00

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Lenoir	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	44	39	-5	0	4	0.00	75.00	0.00
Mystic Tie	237	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	5	147	143	-4	0	8	75.00	10.00	50.00
Wicacoa	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0	0	3	50.00	25.00	0.00
Grafton	243	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	104	101	-3	0	8	75.00	75.00	0.00
Monroe	244	3	2	2	1	3	0	0	7	3	7	271	260	-11	0	20	75.00	50.00	10.00
Catawba	248	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	107	5	0	17	100.00	65.00	0.00
Pythagoras	249	9	8	7	0	2	0	0	3	1	4	133	134	1	2	11	150.00	50.00	0.00
Lee	253	6	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	110	112	2	1	6	65.00	40.00	0.00
Kenly	257	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	59	0	0	1	75.00	70.00	0.00
Fuquay	258	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	128	124	-4	0	10	75.00	40.00	0.00
Waynesville	259	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	6	1	3	169	163	-6	0	16	75.00	50.00	25.00
Excelsior	261	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	15	320	297	-23	0	48	100.00	60.00	0.00
Hibriten	262	7	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	293	293	0	0	18	150.00	50.00	12.00
Gaston	263	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	164	162	-2	0	7	135.00	50.00	5.00
Farmington	265	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	99	100	1	0	3	100.00	50.00	0.00
Dunn's Rock	267	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	211	208	-3	0	26	130.00	40.00	0.00
Tabasco	271	2	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	74	79	5	0	10	75.00	20.00	20.00
Bingham	272	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	6	0	5	137	132	-5	0	9	150.00	50.00	6.00
Beaver Dam	276	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	105	107	2	0	5	100.00	75.00	75.00
Green Level	277	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	82	0	0	7	75.00	35.00	0.00
Rehoboth	279	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34	0	0	3	50.00	50.00	0.00
Wake Forest	282	7	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	88	94	6	0	8	100.00	50.00	0.00
Eureka	283	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	221	214	-7	1	16	100.00	62.00	0.00
Greenville	284	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	131	123	-8	0	10	50.00	50.00	4.00
Salem	289	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	376	368	-8	0	54	150.00	52.00	12.00
French Broad	292	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	5	163	152	-11	0	11	75.00	25.00	10.00
Vance	293	5	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	121	120	-1	0	17	100.00	50.00	10.00
Atlantic	294	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	43	41	-2	0	5	75.00	50.00	0.00
Stonewall	296	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	54	-1	0	7	50.00	40.00	0.00
Harmony	299	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	49	49	0	0	2	100.00	50.00	0.00
Aurora	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	40	34	-6	0	6	60.00	60.00	0.00

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Clay	301	6	3	3	1	1	1	0	7	1	6	194	184	-10	0	29	75.00	50.00	25.00
Lillington	302	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	6	0	4	215	210	-5	0	7	50.00	40.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	304	4	3	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	2	176	175	-1	0	18	75.00	50.00	5.00
Laurinburg	305	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	123	123	0	0	13	125.00	70.00	0.00
Raeord	306	8	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	120	123	3	0	6	100.00	55.00	10.00
New Lebanon	314	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	106	106	0	1	7	85.00	60.00	20.00
Eureka	317	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	12	260	252	-8	1	30	100.00	45.00	6.00
Wilmington	319	7	2	2	4	0	0	0	9	1	11	328	313	-15	0	24	100.00	60.00	10.00
Selma	320	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	95	94	-1	2	10	100.00	65.00	0.00
Granite	322	7	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	9	184	179	-5	0	22	100.00	40.00	1.00
Mattamuskeet	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	38	-1	0	2	75.00	40.00	25.00
Bayboro	331	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	80	81	1	0	11	50.00	40.00	0.00
Fairview	339	6	2	1	1	1	0	0	6	1	7	228	217	-11	0	7	100.00	40.00	25.00
Harmony	340	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	93	90	-3	1	9	125.00	50.00	0.00
Hickory	343	8	5	8	2	0	0	0	2	1	8	371	370	-1	0	24	125.00	57.00	0.00
Numa F. Reid	344	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	142	138	-4	0	15	75.00	50.00	0.00
Stanly	348	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	181	175	-6	0	15	100.00	55.00	15.00
Durham	352	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	10	301	291	-10	0	32	100.00	55.00	7.50
Fallston	356	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	102	102	0	0	12	75.00	35.00	0.00
Bakersville	357	5	3	4	0	2	0	0	5	0	3	125	123	-2	1	10	150.00	45.00	0.00
East LaPorte	358	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	82	81	-1	0	16	75.00	35.00	0.00
Mount Vernon	359	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	65	60	-5	0	0	0.00	28.50	0.00
Snow	363	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	215	214	-1	1	30	100.00	50.00	0.00
Gastonia	369	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	6	1	11	272	260	-12	0	31	100.00	60.00	0.00
Ashlar	373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	68	66	-2	0	6	100.00	40.00	0.00
Campbell	374	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	79	78	-1	0	4	75.00	50.00	0.00
State Line	375	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	57	53	-4	0	3	75.00	50.00	0.00
Youngsville	377	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	33	32	-1	0	0	75.00	75.00	0.00
Seaboard	378	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	32	31	-1	0	5	60.00	35.00	0.00
Coharie	379	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	78	71	-7	0	4	100.00	100.00	4.00
Granville	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	36	-1	0	4	75.00	50.00	0.00

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Forest City	381	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	152	147	-5	0	10	75.00	50.00	5.00
Jefferson Penn	384	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	8	173	159	-14	2	16	750.00	50.00	10.00
Pigeon River	386	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	126	121	-5	0	17	75.00	50.00	0.00
Kedron	387	5	5	5	9	0	0	0	5	2	14	259	252	-7	0	29	100.00	50.00	10.00
Friendship	388	6	5	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	3	144	147	3	0	6	100.00	50.00	0.00
Copeland	390	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	121	116	-5	0	2	50.00	40.00	0.00
Lebanon	391	12	6	5	0	5	0	0	6	2	2	224	224	0	0	9	100.00	75.00	0.00
Orient	395	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	6	209	203	-6	0	13	100.00	45.00	0.00
Bald Creek	397	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	148	145	-3	0	16	75.00	50.00	25.00
Joppa	401	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	117	111	-6	0	3	75.00	50.00	0.00
Siler City	403	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	119	117	-2	0	16	100.00	50.00	0.00
Denton	404	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	65	63	-2	0	3	95.00	60.00	0.00
Ocean	405	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	3	3	9	272	262	-10	1	37	100.00	47.00	15.00
North Wilkesboro	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	114	116	2	1	14	100.00	50.00	0.00
University	408	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	114	116	2	1	14	125.00	60.00	15.00
Bula	409	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	173	167	-6	0	19	75.00	60.00	0.00
Bailey	411	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	57	1	0	11	50.00	50.00	0.00
Henry F. Grainger	412	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	38	3	0	1	150.00	60.00	0.00
James A. Johnson	413	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	89	87	-2	0	7	75.00	50.00	5.00
Maxton	417	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	54	53	-1	0	3	50.00	30.00	30.00
Pendleton	418	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	4	87	82	-5	0	20	60.00	35.00	35.00
Harmon	420	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	51	48	-3	0	0	100.00	40.00	100.00
Sparta	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	132	125	-7	0	11	75.00	30.00	0.00
Montgomery	426	5	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	104	105	1	0	10	80.00	35.00	10.00
Oconee	427	5	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	76	77	1	0	3	150.00	50.00	0.00
Stokesdale	428	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	133	135	2	0	10	100.00	45.00	0.00
Seaside	429	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	199	194	-5	0	19	100.00	50.00	15.00
Relief	431	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	104	105	1	0	8	75.00	60.00	0.00
Piney Creek	432	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	60	55	-5	0	1	55.00	15.00	0.00
Vanceboro	433	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	104	105	1	0	1	50.00	60.00	0.00
West Bend	434	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	130	125	-5	0	4	75.00	50.00	5.00

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Blue Ridge	435	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	54	-1	0	2	50.00	20.00	0.00
Bisbee	437	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	6	133	127	-6	0	9	50.00	35.00	0.00
Marble Springs	439	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	54	53	-1	0	1	75.00	50.00	75.00
Marietta	444	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	77	0	0	7	75.00	40.00	0.00
Blmore	446	4	5	4	3	4	0	0	8	3	9	392	383	-9	0	26	85.00	55.00	15.00
Enfield	447	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	64	61	-3	0	5	80.00	40.00	50.00
Clyde	453	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	70	67	-3	0	16	75.00	35.00	10.00
Elkin	454	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	168	169	1	0	10	75.00	45.00	5.00
Dillsboro	459	6	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	81	84	3	0	6	125.00	45.00	25.00
Cliffside	460	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	4	133	128	-5	0	9	85.00	45.00	85.00
Matthews	461	5	5	4	3	1	0	0	7	2	3	238	234	-4	0	8	100.00	60.00	0.00
South Fork	462	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	144	144	0	0	11	100.00	40.00	0.00
Currituck	463	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	92	89	-3	0	15	75.00	50.00	10.00
Grassy Knob	471	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	50	46	-4	0	4	100.00	30.00	0.00
Sonoma Lodge	472	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	96	94	-2	0	9	75.00	40.00	15.00
Lexington	473	5	4	5	1	0	0	0	5	2	4	198	193	-5	0	20	100.00	62.00	5.00
St. Paul's	474	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	65	64	-1	0	6	100.00	60.00	0.00
Grimesland	475	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	81	80	-1	0	3	50.00	60.00	50.00
Rainbow	479	8	4	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	83	82	-1	2	4	50.00	50.00	50.00
Saluda	482	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	64	64	0	0	5	100.00	45.00	0.00
Traphill	483	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	71	68	-3	0	4	100.00	40.00	0.00
Southern Pines	484	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	7	179	171	-8	0	47	100.00	62.00	5.00
Lawndale	486	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	85	83	-2	1	7	60.00	30.00	0.00
Rich Square	488	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	37	33	-4	0	8	60.00	35.00	0.00
Linville	489	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	76	72	-4	0	12	75.00	35.00	0.00
Hornity	491	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	8	1	4	178	168	-10	0	17	100.00	65.00	0.00
Thomas M. Holt	492	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	161	159	-2	0	12	100.00	40.00	10.00
Pilot	493	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	55	55	0	0	5	100.00	60.00	10.00
Rockingham	495	4	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	200	199	-1	0	21	80.00	45.00	0.00
Mooresville	496	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	2	0	6	163	163	0	1	13	150.00	50.00	5.00
Royal Hart	497	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	50	-1	0	40	50.00	13.00	25.00

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Ayden	498	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	54	51	-3	0	4	50.00	75.00	0.00
Creedmoor	499	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	59	59	0	0	6	50.00	25.00	0.00
Raleigh	500	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	73	72	-1	0	8	75.00	60.00	10.00
Red Springs	501	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	65	61	-4	0	3	100.00	50.00	0.00
Cookville	502	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	175	174	-1	0	4	75.00	40.00	0.00
Cherryville	505	3	5	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	210	207	-3	0	18	100.00	40.00	0.00
Belhaven	509	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	118	111	-7	1	6	50.00	50.00	50.00
Whetstone	515	9	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	164	173	9	0	8	100.00	40.00	25.00
Farmville	517	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	78	73	-5	0	5	60.00	75.00	0.00
Widow's Son	519	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	146	145	-1	1	14	100.00	50.00	0.00
Fairfield	520	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	34	0	0	4	100.00	50.00	0.00
Manteo	521	6	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	219	222	3	0	25	100.00	55.00	25.00
Rodgers	525	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	79	76	-3	0	2	50.00	35.00	0.00
Lucama	527	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	69	67	-2	0	7	100.00	62.00	7.50
Fairmont	528	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	109	105	-4	0	4	150.00	60.00	0.00
Andrews	529	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	3	147	137	-10	0	9	75.00	35.00	75.00
Joppa Lodge	530	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	346	343	-3	0	34	100.00	60.00	0.00
Hamlet	532	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	8	129	121	-8	1	9	100.00	100.00	15.00
Camp Call	534	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	110	109	-1	0	7	75.00	35.00	0.00
Hollis	535	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	120	115	-5	0	3	75.00	40.00	0.00
Corinthian	542	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	174	173	-1	0	24	100.00	45.00	15.00
Spencer	543	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	139	139	0	0	20	100.00	45.00	0.00
Mount Holly	544	9	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	199	198	-1	0	10	100.00	40.00	40.00
Roman Eagle	550	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	7	3	2	123	115	-8	1	8	100.00	72.00	25.00
Glenville	551	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	0	0	2	75.00	40.00	50.00
Revolution	552	8	7	7	2	1	2	0	6	1	15	483	469	-14	0	61	100.00	40.00	10.00
Vesper	554	7	3	3	0	1	0	0	11	1	5	178	165	-13	0	12	100.00	30.00	100.00
Elise	555	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	134	134	0	1	8	100.00	35.00	0.00
Neill S. Stewart	556	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	129	123	-6	0	15	100.00	45.00	0.00
Aranat	558	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	34	33	-1	0	1	60.00	35.00	0.00
Swannanoa	561	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	110	108	-2	0	6	80.00	37.00	20.00

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Waxhaw	562	6	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	71	78	7	2	10	100.00	75.00	0.00
Tablar	563	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	95	95	0	0	3	100.00	75.00	10.00
Richlands	564	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	112	109	-3	0	6	100.00	50.00	0.00
Wendell	565	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	90	-2	0	9	50.00	65.00	5.00
Doric	568	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	4	9	344	326	-18	0	52	75.00	40.00	0.00
Snow Creek	571	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	71	0	0	10	100.00	50.00	0.00
Mount Pleasant	573	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	112	113	1	0	5	100.00	40.00	15.00
Andrew Jackson	576	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	260	257	-3	0	28	125.00	50.00	0.00
Meadow Branch	578	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	101	100	-1	0	3	75.00	50.00	0.00
Casar	579	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	126	126	0	0	6	60.00	25.00	0.00
Ionic	583	10	9	6	4	0	0	0	4	1	6	125	124	-1	1	12	75.00	60.00	0.00
Apex	584	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	62	61	-1	0	3	75.00	60.00	15.00
Roseboro	585	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	66	66	0	0	3	75.00	50.00	50.00
Bethel	589	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	30	-1	0	7	50.00	75.00	0.00
Lowell	590	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	243	238	-5	0	14	125.00	47.00	0.00
Maiden	592	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	117	110	-7	1	11	100.00	50.00	0.00
Stony Point	593	6	6	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	71	71	1	0	4	60.00	40.00	0.00
Ashe	594	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	3	170	171	1	0	8	75.00	35.00	0.00
Wallace	595	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	90	87	-3	0	18	50.00	50.00	50.00
Waccamaw	596	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	94	90	-4	0	4	75.00	50.00	0.00
Cranberry	598	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	118	110	-8	0	8	75.00	35.00	0.00
Queen City	602	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	101	96	-5	0	14	50.00	40.00	5.00
Jeff F. Nelson	605	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	66	0	0	5	75.00	52.00	10.00
Riverside	606	8	6	6	1	2	0	0	9	0	3	168	165	-3	0	4	100.00	50.00	0.00
Chadbourn	607	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	73	0	0	7	150.00	50.00	0.00
Zebulon	609	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	58	54	-4	0	6	75.00	75.00	0.00
Atkinson	612	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	58	0	0	7	160.00	60.00	0.00
Home	613	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	48	0	1	4	50.00	50.00	0.00
Round Peak	616	8	7	8	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	198	202	4	4	3	100.00	40.00	40.00
St. Patrick's	617	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	83	81	-2	0	3	100.00	75.00	100.00
Union	618	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	162	160	-2	0	10	100.00	75.00	0.00

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John H. Mills	624	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	0	6	50.00	50.00	0.00
Cannon Memorial	626	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	7	3	12	256	237	-19	0	30	100.00	50.00	25.00
Belmont	627	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	169	171	2	0	17	125.00	60.00	0.00
Walnut Cove	629	5	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	92	95	3	0	9	130.00	45.00	20.00
Francis S. Packard	630	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	35	1	0	3	75.00	50.00	0.00
Goldsboro	634	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	3	9	209	193	-16	1	17	125.00	50.00	0.00
Yadkin Falls	637	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	52	47	-5	0	4	75.00	75.00	1.00
Proctorville	643	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	72	74	2	0	2	100.00	50.00	0.00
Bladen	646	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	7	0	3	165	159	-6	0	7	200.00	35.00	1.00
Nichols-W. Asheville	650	4	3	2	0	3	0	0	10	2	7	203	189	-14	1	19	100.00	62.00	20.00
Elberta	654	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	86	84	-2	0	11	50.00	50.00	100.00
Guilford	656	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	11	1	3	225	211	-14	0	13	100.00	60.00	7.50
Keller Memorial	657	4	4	5	1	2	0	0	11	0	3	349	343	-6	0	19	100.00	30.00	0.00
Beulaville	658	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	2	90	86	-4	0	3	75.00	70.00	0.00
Black Mountain	663	5	1	2	2	1	0	0	4	1	6	171	165	-6	0	10	85.00	50.00	10.00
Garland	664	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	39	0	0	2	100.00	50.00	0.00
Fort Bragg	667	11	9	9	2	2	0	0	10	1	6	357	353	-4	0	21	100.00	50.00	25.00
Holland Memorial	668	6	7	5	0	1	0	0	4	0	5	178	175	-3	0	16	100.00	50.00	0.00
Kernersville	669	11	8	6	4	0	0	0	7	4	4	263	258	-5	0	15	100.00	35.00	5.00
Lovelady	670	8	7	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	120	126	6	1	8	100.00	50.00	0.00
Robbinsville	672	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	215	206	-9	0	13	50.00	40.00	40.00
Spindale	673	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	102	104	2	0	9	100.00	40.00	40.00
Acacia	674	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	149	143	-6	0	13	75.00	50.00	5.00
Washington	675	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	108	106	-2	0	16	50.00	65.00	0.00
Temple	676	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	14	258	242	-16	0	40	100.00	60.00	0.00
Warsaw Lodge	677	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	60	55	-5	0	8	75.00	40.00	0.00
Providence	678	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	81	78	-3	0	8	75.00	40.00	10.00
Cressey Proctor	679	8	6	5	2	5	0	0	25	9	12	555	521	-34	0	27	100.00	60.00	25.00
Semper Fidelis	680	14	9	6	2	2	0	0	13	5	6	253	239	-14	0	15	100.00	60.00	0.00
Piedmont	681	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	79	75	-4	0	8	75.00	50.00	10.00
Rolesville	683	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	80	81	1	0	5	75.00	50.00	0.00

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Pioneer	685	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	3	198	195	-3	0	24	150.00	55.00	5.00
Angier	686	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	98	96	-2	0	5	100.00	50.00	0.00
Fellowship	687	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	156	153	-3	0	14	100.00	45.00	22.50
Cherry Point	688	4	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	4	8	197	192	-5	0	10	100.00	50.00	10.00
Scotland Neck	689	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	52	49	-3	0	9	0.00	50.00	0.00
Mount Moriah	690	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	110	102	-8	0	9	60.00	50.00	60.00
Renfro	691	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	157	158	1	0	19	100.00	30.00	0.00
East Gate	692	5	3	3	1	7	0	0	33	5	5	431	399	-32	0	8	100.00	50.00	0.00
Charles M. Setzer	693	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	7	316	304	-12	0	20	100.00	50.00	5.00
Gate City	694	8	7	8	11	3	0	0	3	0	9	299	309	10	0	19	100.00	40.00	10.00
Allen-Graham	695	4	3	3	1	7	0	0	9	1	8	329	322	-7	2	13	100.00	50.00	0.00
Memorial	696	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	153	153	0	0	13	100.00	50.00	5.00
Butner	697	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	65	1	0	5	100.00	75.00	0.00
Cape Hatteras	698	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	95	97	2	1	8	0.00	40.00	40.00
Asheboro	699	10	8	7	0	1	0	0	5	0	7	218	214	-4	1	6	75.00	35.00	0.00
Garner	701	1	4	4	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	140	138	-2	0	4	75.00	77.00	0.00
St. Andrew	702	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	105	100	-5	0	0	100.00	55.00	0.00
Albemarle	703	6	5	4	0	4	0	0	4	1	6	276	273	-3	0	5	100.00	50.00	0.00
King Solomon	704	6	6	5	1	1	0	0	2	3	4	170	168	-2	0	3	100.00	60.00	0.00
Richard Caswell	705	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	207	195	-12	0	1	100.00	65.00	0.00
Newport	706	6	4	4	3	2	0	0	2	1	3	127	130	3	3	8	100.00	40.00	10.00
Forsyth	707	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	125	120	-5	0	5	150.00	50.00	50.00
Crown Point	708	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	199	201	2	0	8	50.00	50.00	0.00
Conover	709	5	5	6	1	2	0	0	2	1	4	123	125	2	0	8	100.00	50.00	0.00
Advance	710	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	145	147	2	1	4	145.00	148.00	150.00
Wilson	712	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	166	166	0	0	4	100.00	50.00	10.00
Stanley	713	5	5	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	207	210	3	0	2	100.00	35.00	0.00
Liberty Lodge	714	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	80	81	1	0	1	75.00	45.00	0.00
Derita	715	2	1	3	1	3	0	0	10	3	9	298	283	-15	0	3	100.00	60.00	9.00
Burnsville	717	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	109	106	-3	0	4	0.00	50.00	150.00
Troy	718	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	77	79	2	0	2	85.00	40.00	0.00

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Horse Creek	719	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	60	56	-4	0	1	0.00	45.00	0.00
Cabarrus	720	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	7	3	6	196	184	-12	0	4	0.00	75.00	0.00
Burlington	721	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	6	2	123	113	-10	0	4	75.00	50.00	0.00
kING	722	7	4	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	140	138	-2	0	5	100.00	50.00	0.00
Winton	723	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	1	50.00	25.00	10.00
Berne	724	7	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	5	194	193	-1	0	6	75.00	42.00	0.00
Grantham	725	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	7	1	5	175	166	-9	0	9	100.00	75.00	5.00
Keystone	726	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	112	107	-5	0	3	100.00	60.00	0.00
Shallotte	727	13	10	9	3	3	0	0	10	1	2	367	369	2	0	12	150.00	50.00	15.00
Stedman	730	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	82	78	-4	0	2	120.00	75.00	15.00
John Huske Anderson	731	3	4	4	0	1	0	0	10	3	6	192	178	-14	0	6	100.00	45.00	5.00
Bush Hill	732	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	92	91	-1	0	1	75.00	48.00	5.00
Stump Sound	733	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	110	106	-4	0	4	75.00	45.00	0.00
William Pitt	734	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	91	89	-2	0	2	50.00	50.00	0.00
James B. Greem	735	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	4	5	6	136	125	-11	0	20	75.00	100.00	25.00
New River	736	6	3	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	3	128	128	0	0	4	100.00	48.00	0.00
Steele Creek	737	7	6	5	4	4	0	0	9	2	2	304	304	0	0	17	100.00	75.00	25.00
West Gate	738	6	6	6	0	1	0	0	11	1	6	420	409	-11	1	6	100.00	50.00	0.00
Newell	739	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	4	1	1	183	182	-1	0	4	100.00	50.00	50.00
Charles B. Newcomb	740	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	47	45	-2	0	0	75.00	60.00	0.00
Crisie Wright	741	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	191	190	-1	1	4	100.00	40.00	10.00
Mint Hill	742	11	8	9	12	4	0	0	4	3	9	425	434	9	0	10	100.00	57.00	0.00
J.J. Crowder	743	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	62	62	0	0	1	75.00	0.00	75.00
Shelby	744	3	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	103	107	4	0	1	75.00	40.00	0.00
Vandora	745	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	4	94	88	-6	0	4	75.00	60.00	0.00
P.P. Turner	746	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	167	165	-2	0	6	100.00	55.00	6.00
Ocracoke	747	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	36	38	2	0	0	0.00	35.00	0.00
Truth	749	5	6	6	0	4	1	0	13	4	2	195	185	-10	0	3	75.00	75.00	10.00
Oak Grove	750	4	4	4	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	151	151	0	0	1	100.00	60.00	60.00
Old Town	751	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	216	217	1	0	8	75.00	50.00	0.00
Enterprise	752	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	100	99	-1	0	2	75.00	60.00	10.00

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Federal Point	753	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	87	85	-2	0	5	100.00	47.00	0.00
Masters	754	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	2	75.00	65.00	0.00
Clenmons	755	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	92	97	5	1	6	100.00	60.00	0.00
Clifford Duell	756	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	71	70	-1	0	2	100.00	50.00	5.00
Denver	757	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	2	0	119	112	-7	0	3	150.00	50.00	0.00
Oak Island	758	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	104	101	-3	0	6	100.00	40.00	0.00
James K. Polk	759	2	2	3	6	0	0	0	2	3	1	132	135	3	0	4	100.00	75.00	5.00
Wilkerson College	760	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	61	0	3	100.00	63.00	100.00
Totals		1028	789	775	427	249	10	0	961	311	1374	53790	52585	-1205	65	4218			

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